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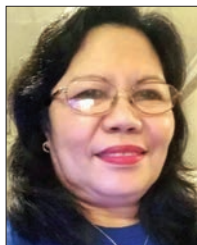
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## 'Video clip shows Rivera before she went missing'

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety is following up on a tip related to the woman who was reported missing last Nov. 26. DPS spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan said that DPS received a tip that Florita Arbas Rivera was last seen entering a poker arcade near the Micro Beach Hotel the day before she went missing.

Other than that, there is no further updates on the case and it remains ongoing, Pangelinan said.



Rivera

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Link between abandoned car, dead body looked at

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety is looking into a possible link between an abandoned car at the Bird Island Lookout in Marpi and a dead body found in the vicinity of Bird Island last Nov. 25.

In a statement yesterday, DPS said received a call last Nov. 14, reporting a Toyota Corolla that had been parked

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### CHRISTMAS IN THE MARIANAS

TSL Foundation's Mel Naputi was one of the judges of the Christmas trees lining the Paseo de Marianas last Saturday, Nov. 30, the first day of the five-week Christmas in the Marianas celebration. Other judges include RNV Construction business development manager Michelle Villaraza-Rueda, T Galleria president Marian Aldan Pierce, Bureau of Environment and Coastal Quality administrator Eli Cabrera, Japanese consul Kazuhiko Ono, Flame Tree TV & Production Co. president Chris Nelson, and Office of Planning & Development director Chris Concepcion. The trees were decorated with Christmas décor that used recycled materials. The winners will be named at the final Saturday of Christmas in the Marianas.

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## CCC mum on IPI community chest

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The Commonwealth Casino Commission declined to comment on Imperial Pacific In-

ternational (CNMI) LLC's compliance with the Casino License Agreement regarding its payment to what is termed as a Community Benefit Fund.

In a letter dated Nov. 26,

2019, to the House Committee on Gaming, CCC executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero noted that the commission is unable to respond as to

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Ada

## Dr. Ada is new Education chief

By MARC A. VENUS  
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REPORTER

Dr. Alfred Ada is the new Education commissioner, taking over the post left vacant by Glenn Muña, who resigned from the Public

School System in November.

Ada, who was selected by the CNMI Board of Education last week, served his first day as commissioner yesterday, saying he is ready to hurdle all the challenges

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7:15 p.m. Marianas High  
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7:45 p.m. Agape Christian

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# Local

## Sablan: Effective enforcement needed to reap benefits of a cannabis industry

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REPORTER

A Saipan senator believes effective enforcement is paramount to reap the benefits of a cannabis industry in the CNMI, even as the CNMI Cannabis Commission nears its third and final leg of writing the regulations that would govern the new industry.

Sen. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan), who chairs the newly created Senate Committee on Cannabis and Gaming, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he believes effective enforcement must be paramount once the regulations are all completed.

"I'm glad the commission has been hard at work meeting regularly to complete the regulations. There is a lot of work ahead of us and it's imperative that we cover all angles of the industry," he said in a statement to *Saipan Tribune*.

"After all regulations are complete, we must ensure effective enforcement. That has always been a challenge in our government; nonetheless, it is vital that the industry is properly enforced from the inception of the regulations so we can see the potential benefits of this new industry," he added.

Sablan sat with the Cannabis Commission last Nov. 25, 2019, in a committee meeting session for a rundown on

### 5 inmates seek court's help to get commissary money

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REPORTER

Five inmates at the prison in Susupe have asked the federal court for help, accusing the Department of Corrections of not returning to them the money in their commissary accounts, despite the commissary store's closure since July 2019.

Francisco Q. Guerrero, Luis C. Babauta, Joaquin R. Lizama, Manases Masga Manglona, and Reynaldo A. Manila each wrote U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, all inserted in one envelop, asking for help on what they should do.

Manglona received the letters last Nov. 19.

In his letter, Guerrero said that DOC Commissioner Wally F. Villagomez issued a directive memorandum last Oct.

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the progress of the cannabis regulations.

"The homegrown regulations have been completed and the commercial regulations are progressing. I'm hoping that the commercial aspect of the industry can provide for and at least supplement the operations of the commission to enforce all aspects of the regulations," he said.

The Cannabis Commission is tackling the cannabis regulations in three chunks: the homegrown regulations, the commercial regulations, and the medicinal regulations.

*Saipan Tribune* confirmed

with Cannabis Commission chair Nadine Deleon Guerrero that the commission is about halfway through the regulations; she noted in a previous interview that the homegrown regulations have already been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General for legal sufficiency review and that they are about halfway through the commercial regulations.

In the same interview, Deleon Guerrero noted that the medicinal aspect of the regulations might be the most problematic since it deals with the use of cannabis in a medical environment.

Sablan said as much when

asked for comments on the Cannabis Commission's presentation last week.

"The medicinal side of the regulations...will be [the] most challenging to complete," Sablan said. "There are a lot of technical aspects to consider such as the operation of a cannabis laboratory and the dispensing of the proper cannabis dosages to patients."

Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* in a previous interview that there are interests in opening up a laboratory for cannabis testing but that only one of a few other possibilities with the new industry.

### Karidat puts out call for help in restocking its food pantry



Karidat social services staff and board members invite everyone to donate to Karidat's Christmas Giving Tree. All proceeds will go toward restocking the Karidat food pantry throughout the year.

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Karidat Social Services is calling on the community for support and help in restocking its food pantry, especially this holiday season, through the Karidat Christmas Giving Tree.

"The community and the parishes can donate food or money, and all of that money and the proceeds will go to the Karidat food pantry to help restock it throughout the year," said Karidat executive director Lauri Ogumoro.

For every cash or canned food donation, the donor would

get an ornament in his/her name added as decoration to Karidat's Christmas Giving Tree.

Karidat's goal is to sustain the food pantry year-round.

"There are times in the year when our food pantry is pretty fair, so we are trying to figure out how we can keep it going and sustain it year-round. The board of directors really thought of what we could do that will really last throughout the year. We wanted to start off with the Giving Tree," Ogumoro said.

Ogumoro also revealed that 2019 Miss Marianas Shannon Sasamoto was the first one to

put an ornament on Karidat's Christmas Giving Tree. Sasamoto earlier held a birthday and Thanksgiving food drive, the donations of which she donated to Karidat.

Aside from Sasamoto, several churches and schools have also already donated.

The Karidat Christmas Giving Tree will be up until end of the Christmas season in January.

To make a cash or food donation to the Karidat Food Pantry, stop by the Karidat main office at the Sister Remedios Community Center in Chalan Kanoa.

For more information, call 234-6981.



## Trial of Mayor Atalig, girlfriend postponed anew

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REPORTER

The federal court granted yesterday the request of Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig and his girlfriend, Evelyn Atalig, to postpone their trial on corruption charges again to give the Ataligs' private investigator more time to complete his

investigation.

The jury trial currently set for Jan. 8, 2020, will now take place on March 10, 2020, instead.

The pre-trial conference set for Dec. 10, 2019, is continued to Feb 5, 2020, at 1:30pm.

"The court finds that the ends of justice served by granting the requested extension

sion outweigh the best interest of the public and defendants in a speedy trial and will allow defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence," said U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona in her order yesterday.

Efraim and Evelyn Atalig, through their counsels, David G. Banes and Steven P. Pixley, respectively, asked for the continuance of the trial, saying their private investigator, former Federal Bureau of

Investigation special agent Jeremy Wolfe, needs 30 more days—on top of the originally approved 30 days, for a total of 60 days now—to complete his investigation.

Banes and Pixley said that Wolfe has already conducted substantial work, including interviewing potential witnesses on Rota and Saipan, but still needs time to finish the investigation.

In granting the request, Manglona also ordered that the deadline for filing pre-trial motions is continued to Jan. 29, 2020, and that responses by the opposition party are due on Feb 12, 2020.

Manglona said the U.S.

government must file proposed jury instructions by Feb. 13, 2020, and that the Ataligs must file any objections to the prosecution's instructions, together with any alternative or additional proposed instructions, by Feb. 20, 2020.

The charges against the two involve at least eight trips taken by the Ataligs at different times in 2018 to Guam, Palau, the U.S. mainland, South Korea, and Saipan.

The Ataligs are being charged jointly with wire fraud, theft concerning programs receiving federal funds, and conspiracy to commit fire fraud and federal funds theft.

The Ataligs have pleaded

not guilty.

The jury trial has been delayed several times for various reasons.

## Finance: Floating maximum bond amount is unnecessary

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REPORTER

The CNMI government may be authorized to float a bond of up to a maximum of \$300 million, but Finance Secretary David Atalig says it is unnecessary to float that much amount and is opting to float only \$65 million once the Commonwealth government gets the bond ratings.

Atalig told *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend that his office believes it is unnecessary to float a \$300-million bond.

"I don't see the need for all that [\$300 million] upfront now and then owe an increased debt and payment, so it gives me the option to borrow and take care of the \$17.6 million [Alternative Payment of a Greater Amount] payments for fiscal year 2017 and one fiscal year of minimum annual payments to the Settlement Fund," he said. "That total is close to \$65 million. Why we won't go for more? ... We don't need to borrow [money] if we don't need [the money]," he said, adding that the authorization to float a bond worth up to \$300 million is flexible for future use when needed.

Atalig said that future payments for the bond are bank-

ing on an improved CNMI economy. "We are hopeful that the economy will rebound," he said.

The \$65-million bond is just enough to satisfy the Commonwealth government's obligations to the Settlement Fund in fiscal year 2017 (APGA) and minimum payments for fiscal year 2020, Atalig noted in an earlier interview.

With the \$65-million bond, it could open up more resources for other programs and agencies that need funds, he had said.

As of yesterday, Atalig did not confirm whether the bond rating for the CNMI government has been received. He previously stated that the CNMI's ability to float a bond hinges on that bond rating.

A bond rating is a rating from independent agencies, in this case from Moody's Investor Service, that measures the Commonwealth government's financial capability to make interest payments and repay the principal of the bond.

Once the ratings have been received, Atalig said, it would go out to the government's bond consultants as well as its bond issuers for review. He noted that his office is aiming to float the bond before 2020.



### RECYCLED FEATHERS

One of the Christmas trees at the Paseo de Marianas that are decorated with recycled décor and materials are on display as the five-week Christmas in the Marianas celebration kicked off last Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan. IVA MAURIN



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# Man arrested for alleged stab try in San Antonio

Police arrested a man who allegedly injured another man with a knife on a road behind the DPA Car Mart in San Antonio last Wednesday morning.

Police served an arrest warrant last Friday on the suspect, identified as 25-year-old

Zheng Qi Li, in Garapan

The victim sustained a red scratch on the left arm, two red marks on the forearm, and a red mark on the left leg. He also complained of neck pain.

Li was brought before Superior Court Associate Judge

Teresa Kim-Tenorio yesterday for his initial appearance.

A \$10,000 cash bail was imposed on Li. Preliminary hearing will be on Dec. 10 at 1:30pm.

Chief public defender Douglas Hartig was appointed

as counsel for Li.

According to police detective Shannon Dela Cruz, police officers responded to a reported disturbance regarding two men fighting behind the DPA Car Mart last Wednesday morning. A

responding officer observed that Li was seated on the driver side of a white Toyota Yaris and had a bloody nose. The officer secured Li for safety purposes.

A witness, however, flagged down the police officer as he was securing Li and pointed in the direction of the victim.

The witness told the officer that the white Toyota Yaris had pulled up in front of a red Toyota Corolla, that Li, who was holding a kitchen knife, got out of the white Toyota Yaris, approached and repeatedly tried to stab the victim, who was in the red Toyota Corolla. The witness said he ran toward them and grabbed Li and pulled him away from

the victim. The officer later found the kitchen knife from the bushes.

During their interview last Thursday, Dela Cruz said the victim stated that he was in San Antonio to pick up a customer when Li pulled up in front of his vehicle.

The victim said Li started cussing and punching him.

The victim said he tried to kick Li. Li, however, attacked him with the knife, causing him injuries.

Li allegedly refused to give a statement and was released that same day while police conducted follow up investigation.

Li was then served with the arrest warrant last Friday morning.

## 4 UOG ROTC cadets rank in nation's top 20%

Four cadets from the University of Guam Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps have earned the honor of Distinguished Military Graduate, placing them in the top 20% of more than 5,000 Army ROTC graduates nationwide.

The honor is determined by grade-point average, performance on the Army physical fitness test, demonstrated leadership in their trainings, and character.

Earning the title of Distinguished Military Graduate are Lucand Camacho, Jeanie Nguyen, Brendan Santos, and Michael Schommer.

"I am so proud of our cadets for being named DMGs," said Lt. Col. Thomas Anderson, professor of military science at UOG. "Each one of them worked hard over the course of their college experience to be the very best they could be, oftentimes sacrific-

ing fun or relaxation in order to maximize the benefits of their college and ROTC experiences. They all demonstrated not just academic excellence, but leadership and service to others."

The designation is one that will stay with them throughout their careers, Anderson said.

"It is a term that lets other Army leaders know that the cadets are serious scholars and

leaders," he said.

The cadets were notified of the honor and recognized by senators and university leadership at the University of Guam's Veterans Day Tribute ceremony on Nov. 12.

Schommer will graduate this December and be commissioned as an infantry officer. The other three will graduate in May. Camacho will be commissioned as a cyber officer, Nguyen as a finance officer, and Santos as an engineer officer. **(UOG)**

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at the Bird Island Lookout for the past three days.

Police officers who responded to the scene noticed that the vehicle's keys had been left in the ignition. In addition, a CNMI driver's license was found inside the vehicle that appeared to show the identity of an Asian male.

DPS declined to provide the name of the person because the case is ongoing, but said that the individual has no immediate family members on island, and border crossings indicate that the individual in the driver's license did not leave the island.

The vehicle was later returned to an auto shop, which had lent the car as a courtesy vehicle.

This case could be possibly linked to a dead body that hikers found in the area around Bird Island last Nov. 25. DPS received a 911 call reporting a dead individual found

around the outer cove of Bird Island. Police and paramedics that arrived confirmed finding the body, which was already decomposing. It was then processed by crime scene investigators and transported to the Commonwealth Health Center, where the body was pronounced dead and transferred to the morgue. Due to the body's advanced state of decomposition, it could not be immediately identified but the gender of the victim is male.

A preliminary examination of the body was conducted by Dr. Philip Dauterman and he indicated that there were no signs of trauma.

DPS has requested the Attorney General's Office to hire a medical examiner in order to determine the cause of death, the circumstances surrounding the death of the individual, and possibly identify it.

DPS spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan previously said that there have been no reports of missing persons recently, in relation to the unidentified victim.

## ADA

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that PSS faces.

Ada was welcomed by key PSS staff and personnel at the PSS Education Commissioner's Office on Capital Hill yesterday.

In a later interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Ada said that he received notice of his acceptance from BOE vice chair Herman Atalig on Friday. "He called me to congratulate me and I was very happy. ...I walked into the interview with an open mind, saying if I get chosen to be commissioner, then I understand it's time," Ada said.

He cites former Education

commissioner Dr. Rita Hocog Inos as his inspiration as she was his mentor during his earlier time with PSS. Ada said it was actually Inos who told him that he would be a perfect fit as commissioner.

"It was not until she believed in me and told me that I could be commissioner someday, and I am thankful for her support," he said.

Ada is no stranger to the education field, as he has over 25 years of experience as a teacher at San Vicente Elementary School and Tanapag Elementary School, and served as a literacy coach at Kagman Elementary School prior to becoming commissioner. Ada also served as principal

of both William S. Reyes Elementary School and Kagman High School.

In the U.S. mainland, Ada was a licensed substitute teacher at Multnomah County, Portland.

"I came back to Saipan with my personal and professional goals interwoven, and the opportunity and dream to lead PSS brought me home," he said.

He knows he has a lot of things to accomplish and Ada recognizes that PSS' biggest challenge right now is its recovery after Super Typhoon Yutu in October 2018. He said he is aware that the repairs of schools is the priority and he intends to provide the support

needed to create a "conductive environment in schools."

He promises to spend time in the coming weeks and months to listen, learn, and observe to determine what should be PSS' next steps.

"There are currently six schools observing half-day sessions and we intend to create balance in the scheduling, as other schools have more instructional time than these six schools," he said.

Ada emphasized the importance of PSS preparing its students to become college-ready, career-ready, family-ready, community-ready, and world-ready. "This is the focus of our daily work and everything we do," he said.

## VIDEO

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A DPS source told *Saipan Tribune* that DPS has received footage from a video surveillance camera that allegedly shows Rivera entering the

poker arcade before midnight on Nov. 24, and leaving the establishment at 2:33am on Nov. 25, walking in the direction of the American Memorial Park.

Rivera was reported missing after she did not report to her shift at Micro Beach Hotel at 11pm last Nov. 26. Ri-

vera's co-worker and family members searched her home, with no success, only to find her cell phone and keys on the dining room table.

The source also said the poker arcade cashiers were unaware of Rivera's presence in the arcade as there were many players

around the hours she was allegedly inside the establishment.

Rivera is described as 5'4" tall, weighs 160 lbs, with black hair, and brown eyes. DPS encourages the community to call 911 anytime if they have any information about her whereabouts.

## CCC

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the status of the Community Benefit Fund due to an ongoing investigation on the matter. He did not elaborate on that investigation.

Deleon Guerrero was responding to a letter dated Oct. 18, 2019, that House Gaming Committee chair Rep. Ralph Yumul (R-Saipan) had sent to CCC and Deleon Guerrero to ask for information on IPI's compliance with the Casino License Agreement, or CLA, regarding the Community Benefit Fund, also known as a community chest and is supposed to have money intended to benefit the CNMI community.

Deleon Guerrero pointed

out in his letter that the Office of the Governor also has authority over the CLA.

"The Office of the Governor also has concurrent enforcement authority over the CLA," Deleon Guerrero wrote. His letter did not clarify if he was referring to the CNMI Lottery Commission, or the body that oversaw the creation of the CLA as well as confirm its amendments.

"Please be assured that upon the completion of our investigation, we will update your committee on our findings and determinations," added Deleon Guerrero.

Yumul's letter alleges that the IPI owes the Community Benefit Fund about \$17 million, pursuant to the CLA. Yumul cited audited financial

statements for the years that ended Dec. 31, 2017, and Dec. 31, 2018. The same letter was also sent to the Lottery Commission, asking both to report to the Gaming Committee the status of IPI's compliance with the CLA.

*Saipan Tribune* obtained a copy of that letter last Oct. 24, 2019.

According to Section 16 of the CLA, IPI is required to contribute \$10 million to the Community Benefit Fund no later than Jan. 1, 2018, and another \$10 million no later than June 1, 2018. Subsequently, IPI is required to pay \$20 million to the community chest every year, beginning on or before Oct. 1, 2019.

The funds are supposed to be distributed to support com-

munity benefit programs such as education, scholarships, health care, and retirement benefits, among others, in consultation with the governor.

"...Austerity measures for the Commonwealth government have continued into fiscal year 2020, and many critical public services and programs that have been hampered by shortfalls in funding could be greatly assisted with distributions from the Community Benefit Fund," Yumul wrote in his letter.

"The exclusive [CLA] is a contract between IPI and the Commonwealth government, and the licensee must be held accountable for honoring all of its promises, including its Community Benefit Fund obligations," he added.

## INMATES

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2, stating that, "with the temporary closing of the commissary, effective immediately all commissary drop-off is ceased until further notice."

Guerrero said that the prisoners, including himself, asked Villagomez last Oct. 14 to withdraw their money from the commissary account because they don't know when the store is going to re-open.

Guerrero said he and other inmates don't know about their outstanding balance in their commissary accounts.

Commissary stores sell primarily grocery items.

Manglona issued an order yesterday granting permission to the inmates to amend their complaint, saying she liberally construed the letters as a civil rights complaint.

The judge said all civil com-

plaints must include a "short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief."

She said the complaint does not need to include detailed allegation, but it must contain "sufficient facts to state a plausible claim."

In this case, Manglona said, the complaint is deficient because the inmates never indicate which officials or entities they intend to name as defendants and what relief they seek.

The judge ordered the inmates to amend their complaint to include the names of the individuals and/or entities they are suing and the relief sought.

Manglona said the inmates may file an amended complaint by placing it in the prisoner mail at the DOC on or before Dec. 30, 2019.

Failure to do so, she said, will result in the dismissal of this case.



### 'HAFA ADAT' AND WELCOME!

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang and other government and Skymark officials greet the passengers of Skymark's inaugural regular daily flight at the tarmac of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Friday afternoon. **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**



## 7 workers say fed court should condemn IPI's 'delaying tactic'

The seven workers who are suing Imperial Pacific (CNMI) LLC and its contractor and subcontractor over alleged injuries they suffered in accidents at the worksite of IPI's casino/resort project in Garapan argue that the federal court must condemn IPI's failure to respond to their requests to produce some records or documents.

The seven plaintiffs, through counsels Aaron Halegua and Bruce Berline, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to deny IPI's motion for protective order that seeks to prevent all discovery in their lawsuit pending the resolution of IPI's motion to stay or suspend the proceedings in this case.

The plaintiffs also asked the court to grant their motion to compel IPI to respond to their discovery requests and pay them attorneys' fees.

In its motion for a protective order, IPI, through counsel Phillip Tydingco, said that a protective order in necessary in this case since allowing discovery to proceed in light of IPI's motion to stay defeats or undermines the purpose and intent of the mandatory stay.

This would cause IPI to "suffer annoyance, oppression as well as the deprivation of certain protections and rights associated with criminal proceedings," Tydingco said.

In their opposition to IPI's motion Tuesday last week, Halegua and Berline said that IPI cites no relevant legal authority in its persistent effort to avoid producing even a single document or answering a single interrogatory.

They pointed out that IPI asked the court for a protective order to stay all discovery only last Nov. 21, months after being served with the plaintiffs' discovery requests and just four days prior to the date on which it had agreed to respond to those requests.

Halegua and Berline said that IPI unpersuasively argues that "good cause" exists for

the court to halt all discovery of any form because of, one week earlier, IPI filed a second motion for a stay pursuant to the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act.

The lawyers said IPI offers no specific facts or examples of the harm that will result if a protective order is not granted—only conclusory statements and speculation.

Halegua and Berline pointed out that IPI's co-defendants have already produced thousands of pages of discovery and initial interrogatory answers, yet IPI has not produced a single document or interrogatory answer.

Instead, Halegua and Berline said, IPI has persisted in its objections to service and to the format of plaintiffs' interrogatories, even in the face of legal authority to the contrary.

The lawyers said IPI's motion for a protective order must be rejected, describing it as "clearly just one more tactic to delay discovery."

The plaintiffs—Tianming Wang, Dong Han, Yongjun Meng, Liangcai Sun, Youli Wang, Quingchun Xu, and Xiyang Du—are suing IPI, MCC, and MCC's subcontractor, Gold Mantis Construction Decoration (CNMI) LLC.

The plaintiffs, who are all Chinese nationals, are suing the defendants for alleged forced labor in violation of the Trafficking Victims Protection Re-authorization Act, forced labor in violation of the CNMI Anti-Trafficking Act, negligence, and liability for employees of subcontractor.

The workers alleged, among other things, that they were forced to work long hours for below minimum wage under extremely dangerous conditions at the casino-resort worksite.

In its response to the lawsuit, IPI, through Tydingco, said any wage claims by the plaintiffs are barred because they voluntarily illegally entered the CNMI to work. **(Ferdie De La torre)**

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# Public warned of high seas, rip currents

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point is warning the public that there is a high risk of rip currents for north and east facing reefs on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota through Wednesday afternoon.

Also, a small craft advisory is in effect until midnight Tuesday night.

The National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, issued the rip current advisory late afternoon yesterday.

For north facing reefs, a north swell continues to subside. However, residual effects combined with wraparound from east facing reefs will maintain a high risk of rip currents through Tuesday morning.

For east facing reefs, an in-

creasing trade-wind swell will produce surf of 8 to 10 feet. Surf will remain below hazardous levels of 12 feet but will be sufficient to produce a high risk of rip currents.

Rip currents are powerful channels of water flowing quickly away from shore, which occur most often at low spots or breaks in the sandbar and in the vicinity of structures. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

If you become caught in a rip current, remain calm. Do not exhaust yourself and stay afloat while waiting for help. Swim parallel to shore and back toward the beach when possible. Do not attempt to swim directly against a rip

current as you will tire quickly.

The public is being advised to avoid venturing out along north and east facing reefs and beaches. Huge pounding waves can knock you down and cause

serious injuries. Strong rip currents will be life threatening.

Observations from the Tanapag buoy indicate seas have risen to between 10 and 12 feet. Seas should remain haz-

ardous to small craft through this Tuesday afternoon.

Combined seas of 8 to 10 feet will persist through Tuesday evening. Seas of 10 feet or higher will produce wave

conditions hazardous to small craft. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid sailing in these conditions. *(Saipan Tribune)*

## UOG secures grant for coral restoration

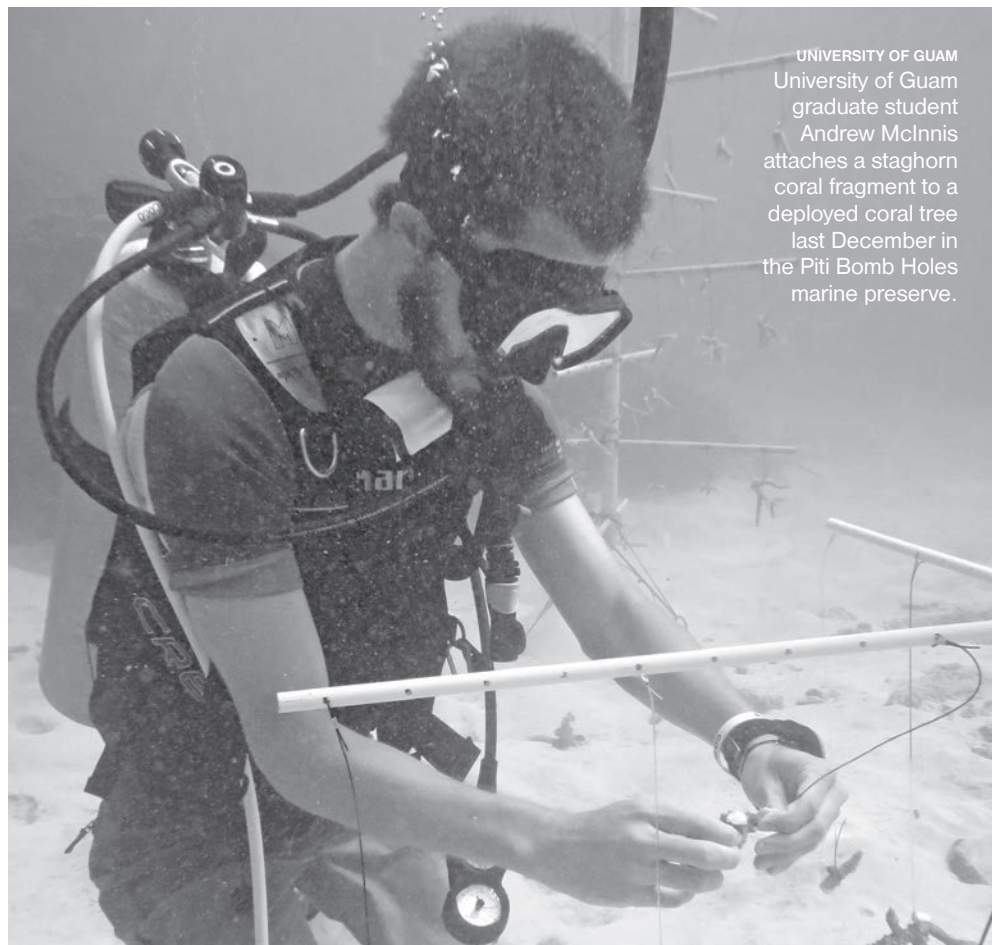
Coral restoration efforts in Guam has received a funding boost of \$856,000 for the next three years.

The funds were awarded to the University of Guam on Nov. 18 by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation through its National Coastal Resilience Fund and will be matched with \$596,000 raised by the university, bringing the total to \$1.4 million.

The University of Guam project was one of 44 projects awarded nationally among 176 proposals.

"This award is a significant amount—the largest amount so far for coral restoration in this region, to my knowledge," said Laurie J. Raymundo, interim director of the UOG Marine Laboratory who will serve as principal investigator and researcher on the grant.

The project will involve Raymundo and her graduate students, led by Ph.D. student Whitney Hoot, propagating types of staghorn corals that



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM  
University of Guam  
graduate student  
Andrew McInnis  
attaches a staghorn  
coral fragment to a  
deployed coral tree  
last December in  
the Piti Bomb Holes  
marine preserve.

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**EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**CUC-RFP-20-004**

**FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, 2020 & 2021**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for services of a U.S. Certified Public Accounting Firm/Individual with knowledge, skill, and experience in auditing (1) financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards of the U.S. and; (2) federal awards programs in accordance with the Single Audit Act and U.S. Office of Management and Budget requisites

- Provide assistance to the CUC management with the preparation of the annual financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- Ensure that the financial statements and auditor's reports also meet any specific requirements contained in agreements or other contractual requirements relative to financial statement presentation and the audits.
- Submit the draft financial statements and accompanying auditor's reports to CUC management no later than January 31st of each year, and issue the final reports no later than February 28th of each year.
- Provide 15 bound copies of the final financial statements and accompanying auditor's report
- Provide an electronic copy (e.g., .pdf format) of the final report to the CUC.

Auditors are responsible to review the 2019, 2020 & 2021 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets for each fiscal year.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. The \$100 package fee will be waived for firms that had previously registered and paid for a CUC-RFP-19-037 package.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the Proposal & One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted in a separate sealed envelopes** marked "CUC-RFP-20-004, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019, 2020 & 2021" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional RFP will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the RFP requirements in the course of proposer's preparation of the RFP under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the RFP under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 10, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Greg Cruz, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address [greg.cruz@cucgov.org](mailto:greg.cruz@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said RFP, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO  
Executive Director

MANNY BOYER SABLAN  
Purchasing Administrator

survived the mass coral bleaching and mortality events in the last five years. They will outplant cultured corals onto reef flats in Tumon, Piti, and Cocos/Achang while developing best restoration practices,



**Raymundo**

including determining optimum planting density, maximizing genetic diversity, and examining environmental influences that impact the process.

David Combosch, an assistant professor of population genet-

ics at the Marine Lab, will be genotyping all of Guam's cultured populations of staghorns to examine differences in heat resilience and disease susceptibility. The group will attempt to cross-breed gametes of these different populations, as well as plant populations of mixed genotypes, to facilitate successful interbreeding and development of genetically diverse populations.

"Throughout the course of this grant, I hope to develop a solid core of people who are trained to do this work [in] Guam and to develop some tested and reliable methods for propagating and outplanting specific species," Raymundo said. "The grant has promised 4.15 hectares of planted coral substrate over the course of three years."

The National Coastal Resilience Fund grant slate for 2019 will invest \$29.3 million nationwide in innovative approaches that strengthen natural infrastructure to protect coastal communities, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and allow communities to recover more quickly from hazardous weather events.

Funds will be administered by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation in partnership with the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. The Research Corporation of the University of Guam will manage the grant for the university. *(UOG)*

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**Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NOTHERN  
 MARIANA ISLANDS  
 COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
 of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES  
 MANAGEMENT

**DATE: December 2, 2019**

**NOTICE:** The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination request from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding the implementation of an annual catch limit (ACL) and accountability measure (AM) for the multi-species bottomfish stock complex in the CNMI for 2019. NMFS has determined that the proposed action is not expected to substantially change the behavior of the CNMI bottomfish fishery. For more information about the project, please proceed to the following link: [https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/2019-11-18-DRAFT-CZM-MP-Proposed-2019-2021-ACLs-w-enclosure\\_signed-0648-BJ41.pdf](https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/2019-11-18-DRAFT-CZM-MP-Proposed-2019-2021-ACLs-w-enclosure_signed-0648-BJ41.pdf)

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally-approved coastal management plan. Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at [fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp).

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for fifteen (15) days, starting on December 3, 2019 and ending on December 17, 2019. We look forward to your input.



## Tomorrow is NMI's 1st Int'l Day of People with Disabilities

By IVA MAURIN

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REPORTER

For the first time, the CNMI will be joining the rest of the

## NMC Nursing sets admissions examination for fall semester

The Northern Marianas College Nursing Department will be implementing an admissions exam for students seeking admission into their Nursing Program for the fall 2020 semester.

Students who have completed and passed the core course and general education requirements (as listed on the Associate of Science in Nursing Individualized Degree Plan) with a "C" grade or better and have met/exceeded the required grade point average will be required to take the admissions exam to determine their acceptance into the program.

NMC's Nursing Department uses the Kaplan's Admissions Test (Standardized Nursing School Entrance Exam), also known as KapTest.

Kaplan's Admission Test is a tool to determine if students have the academic skills necessary to perform effectively in a nursing program. The admission test is a 91-question, multiple choice test that evaluates the basic reading, math, writing, and science skills of students seeking entry into a nursing program leading to registered nurse licensure.

## Register for NMC's spring semester

Northern Marianas College is reminding individuals who are seeking to advance their education or their professional careers that they can still apply for and register for the college's spring 2020 semester. Registration is ongoing throughout this week through Jan. 17, 2020. The first day of classes is on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020.

Individuals who need financial aid can also apply for the Federal Student Aid program, which provides financial assistance to those who meet certain eligibility criteria.

Applications for admission and other forms may be picked up at NMC's Office of Admissions & Records located in Building N at the NMC As Terlaje campus, or may be downloaded from [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu). Supporting documents (i.e., transcripts from institutions previously attended, health evaluation form, and a copy of a valid photo I.D.) must be turned in within 60 calendar days of submitting the admission application.

New students are required to take the math and English placement tests. A schedule of the placement test dates can be found at [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu).

world in celebrating the International Day of People with Disabilities.

With the theme, "The Future is Accessible," the event,

The KapTest is available free of charge to eligible NMC pre-nursing students applying for admission into the nursing program.

Applications for admission into the nursing program will be accepted from April to May 2020. The date to take the exam will be scheduled around June 2020. In July, the final decision for admission into the program will be sent out to those students that have applied for the fall 2020 semester.

Eligible pre-nursing students who want to prepare in taking the KapTest can purchase the Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam review book available for the admissions test on Amazon. It is also recommended for students to purchase a SAT review book as well.

For more information, contact the Northern Marianas College Nursing Department at (670) 237-6744 or email [andrew.mendiola@marianas.edu](mailto:andrew.mendiola@marianas.edu) or [rosa.alan@marianas.edu](mailto:rosa.alan@marianas.edu). The Nursing Department is located in the faculty offices of the ground floor of Building V at NMC's As Terlaje campus. (NMC)

Students can also make an appointment to take placement tests by calling 237-6774. New and readmitted students must also view the online student orientation program in order to register for courses.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis in elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), bachelor of science degree in business management (emphasis in accounting); associate of arts degree in business, associate of applied science degrees in business administration (emphasis in accounting, business management, or computer applications), associate of arts in liberal arts (emphasis in education, health and physical education, and social work), associate of science in nursing, natural resources management, associate of applied science in criminal justice, and hospitality management.

For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 237-6772 or visit [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu). (NMC)

which will be held tomorrow, from 10am to 2pm at the CNMI Center for Living Independently on Capitol Hill, is being organized by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, with all its disability network partners, to recognize the strength and the significant role people with disabilities play.

The event will also provide a venue for people with disabilities to have access to resources and services that are available to them such as health care, scholarships, bank loans, and job placements.

OVR director Maryann

Borja-Arriola calls on everyone, especially PWDs, to join the celebration. "Come out and celebrate so that we can mingle," Borja-Arriola said. "This is the time for them [PWDs] to go out and mingle with the community, to come out and be a part of the community so we have that equality."

OVR hopes to highlight three important concerns—equality, accessibility, and inclusivity—when it comes to PWDs and highlight the fact that, contrary to popular opinion of PWDs as hidden, ignored, and disconnected, a lot of them are, in fact, successful.

"It is a day where we want people to feel included," said OVR employment specialist Naomi A. Tudela. "So this place is somewhere that they could just come and be, and know that this is somewhere that they can find resources that are available to them in the CNMI such as OVR."

Tudela also explained that disability is not only physical ailment or special needs, that many people also have unseen disabilities and that OVR wants them to know what resources are available to them.

As part of tomorrow's celebration, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios will be having a

proclamation signing for the 2019 International Day of People with Disabilities at the Center for Living Independently building.

The event will also feature a keynote speech from Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan; presentation and success stories from VOICES of the CNMI; dances from the Guma Simiyan Mañaina-ta CCVI Dumatsuri Dance Group; and live band performances from Parker Yobei, Northern Star Band, Tatz Selepeo, Big Jay Selepeo, and Abs Kaipat. There will also be free refreshments.

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# Hyatt kicks off the season with tree lighting ceremony

By IVA MAURIN  
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REPORTER

Hyatt Regency Saipan kicked off the holiday season last Sunday with its 39th anniversary Christmas tree lighting ceremony, underscoring the idea that the holiday is the season of giving.

"Every year, on Dec. 1, Hyatt holds a ceremonial Christmas tree lighting event and people come here," Hyatt general manager Nick Ishikawa said. "We also always invite children, especially the Make-A-Wish Foundation, to celebrate together."

Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children who have critical illnesses.

Hyatt has been helping make some of those wishes come true for what are called "Wish Kids" in Guam and the CNMI.

"The Hyatt golf tournament that we do every year is a charity to raise funds to give to our beneficiaries, the main one being the Make A Wish Foundation [Guam and CNMI]. We invite the [Make-A-Wish] children to switch on the Christmas tree because they enjoy it, they like it," Ishikawa added.

This year, three Wish Kids came to celebrate with the Hyatt.

"We are able to have the fundraisers for Make-A-Wish Guam and CNMI every year through the Hyatt," Make-A-Wish Foundation board mem-

ber Kanae Quinn said. "They have a beautiful, huge golf tournament for us every year. Last year, they raised \$20,000 for us, which is a huge thing."

Quinn added that the foundation does not receive any type of government donations, and all donations are from private giving, so they are thankful that the Hyatt, through its golf tournament, has been helping raise funds that allow them to make some wishes come true, be it a trip to Disneyland or a video game set.

Aside from Make-A-Wish, representatives of the U.S. Marines were also at the ceremony for the Toys for Tots Drive. Hyatt welcomes donations of

new and/or unwrapped gifts for the drive, to be distributed to children on Saipan.

Representatives of the Saipan Young Professionals, and Guma Esperanza were also at this year's tree-lighting.

December is a festive season for the hotel industry. Ishikawa said the Hyatt will be having all kinds of events,

such as its "End of the Year" party, to make sure everybody can enjoy the holiday.

"Personally, I like and enjoy the month of December. It is festive and [puts you in a] holiday mood where everybody gets a present or chooses a present to give," Ishikawa added.

When asked what his wish is for this year, Ishikawa said,

"Today, Dec. 1, marks the beginning of the 39th year since the Hyatt opened. According to the lease contract, we have two more years. I wish we just have many more years to celebrate together with the community."

For more information about Hyatt's activities for the season, call 1 (670) 234-1234 Ext. 26.



IVA MAURIN

Members of the U.S. Marines were also at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's 39th anniversary Christmas tree lighting ceremony last Sunday for the Toys for Tots Drive.



IVA MAURIN

The Marianas High School glee club Rhythm 'N' Harmony sings Christmas carols at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's 39th anniversary Christmas tree lighting ceremony last Sunday at the hotel's lobby.



IVA MAURIN

Make-A-Wish kids, second and third from left, flanked by 2019 Miss Marianas Shannon Sasamoto, Santa Claus, and Hyatt general manager Nick Ishikawa, switch on the lights to brighten the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Saipan during the hotel's 39th anniversary Christmas tree lighting ceremony last Sunday.



IVA MAURIN

Members of the Friends of the Arts Youth Choir pose with Santa in this souvenir picture. The choir performed last Sunday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Christmas tree lighting ceremony.



**COMMUNITY BRIEFS****Navy to conduct training in open ocean**

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Navy will conduct open-ocean exercises from 6pm to 11:55pm on Dec. 3 at the following coordinates: 13°26'N/145°08'E and 13°42'N/144°36'E. All vessels are advised to remain clear of a three nautical mile radius of these coordinates. It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. **(PR)**

**Holiday closures at AMP**

The American Memorial Park Visitor Center will be closed on the following dates:

- Dec. 25, 2019, Christmas Day
- Jan. 1, 2020, New Year's Day

The rest of the park will remain open to the public.

With the exception of the holidays, the Visitor Center is open every day from 9am to 4pm.

For more information, contact lead park ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 or 2020 or via email [brooke\\_nevitt@nps.gov](mailto:brooke_nevitt@nps.gov). **(NPS)**

**Military trainings set**

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at the Dandan training site in Inarajan on Dec. 3-5, from 11am to 11:55pm.

The U.S. Navy will also conduct training at Radio Barrigada during the following dates and times:

- Dec. 3, from 10am to 9pm and 6pm to 11:55pm
- Dec. 4, from 11am to 5pm and 6pm to 11:55pm
- Dec. 5, from 6pm to 11:55pm

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. Routine helicopter training often accompanied with the use of blanks can occur during these trainings.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla today, Dec. 3, from 6am to 4pm.

Training will be conducted within a 12-nautical mile radius of Farallon de Medinilla. For the duration of the exercise the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators are advised to remain clear of these areas and monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

The U.S. Navy will conduct open-ocean exercises on Dec. 5, from 3pm to 6pm within a 10-nautical-mile radius of the following coordinates: 13°26'N/145°08'E and 13°42'N/144°36'E.

All vessels are advised to remain clear of a 3-nautical mile radius of these coordinates.

The U.S. Navy will also con-

**'TOYS FOR TOTS'**

Members of the U.S. Marine Corps in Guam attend Kanoa Resort's Christmas lighting ceremony last Saturday to highlight the hotel's participation in the Toys for Tots program, where toys are donated by the community for distribution this holiday season. At right is the MHS glee club, Rhythm 'N' Harmony, singing Christmas carols at the tree lighting ceremony.

MARK RABAGO

duct training at SHARK SW today, Dec. 3, from 8am to 4pm at the following coordinates: 13°24'45"N/144°25'10"E, 13°10'50"N/144°25'03"E, 13°11'50"N/144°35'05"E, 13°17'46"N/144°35'22"E, 13°24'13"N/144°34'46"E, 13°24'49"N/144°25'10"E.

All vessels are advised to remain clear of a 3-nautical mile radius of these coordinates.

The U.S. Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, Royal Australian Air Force, and Royal New Zealand Air Force will

conduct training for Operation Christmas Drop on Dec. 5-6 off Orote Point at coordinates 13°25'N/148°38'E.

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. **(PR)**

**CHamoru commission meeting set**

The Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'ná'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' i Taotao Tãno' (*Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teach-*

*ing of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam*) will hold its first December monthly meeting on Dec. 5, 2019, Thursday from 12:30pm to 3pm at the Guam Museum conference room, Hågatña. Call Kumisión secretary Roland Blas for special accommodations and agenda at 480-4047 or email at [rolan-dblas1973@gmail.com](mailto:rolan-dblas1973@gmail.com). **(PR)**

**PH consulate to visit Saipan**

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in coordina-

tion with the office of Philippine Honorary Consul to the CNMI Glicerio "Eli" Arago, will be conducting a consular outreach mission on Saipan on Dec. 3-5, 8am to 4pm, at the Sun Palace Hotel in Susupe.

Applications for ePassports will be processed during the three-day consular mission.

All ePassport applicants should check the list of schedules available on the Philippine Consulate General's Facebook page ([facebook.com/PHinAgana/](https://facebook.com/PHinAgana/)). Biometrics and personal data capturing for ePassport applications will be according to the attended schedule. Those who are on the list of ePassport applicants must show up at the venue on the date and time indicated in the schedule in proper attire (i.e. with collar and sleeves). Personal appearance is required for all ePassport applicants.

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For confirmation and clarification, call (670) 233-6293 and ask for Mel Santos, or email [eppt.pcgagana@gmail.com](mailto:eppt.pcgagana@gmail.com). **(IBM)**

**Free Guam workshops**

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free workshops to the public this December that will teach participants how to market and sell your

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Workshops run from 9am to 10am at the University of Guam in the Jesus and Eugenia Leon Guerrero Business and Public Admin Building, Margarita Perez & Jaime Tuquero IT&E Lecture Hall, **Room 131** (unless otherwise specified):

■ Dec. 5: Marketing to the Federal Government—Are you ready to sell to the government? The government buys products and services differently than the private sector. The Guam PTAC will discuss marketing strategies, essential documents, and how to get your company on "the list."

■ Dec. 12: Responding to Requests for Proposals—The Guam PTAC will walk participants through the common sections and clauses of an RFP as well as provide tips on developing a proposal in response to an RFP.

■ Dec. 19: Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment—Do you have a DOD contract and need to get paid? The Guam PTAC will explain DOD invoicing procedures using the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment system, formerly known as WAWF.

For Project Management Professionals, Guam PTAC workshops may count toward your annual Professional Development Unit goals.

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### EDITORIAL

## A German tourist is shot in Chicago: Immanuel Asare's surprising—heartening—takeaway

**N**o one would blame Immanuel Asare, a 20-year-old German national, if he felt bitter about his brief encounter with Chicago. There's a bullet wound in his left bicep that will remind him of his visit here. But the startling twist to what happened to Asare is less about the violence he endured than about his calm, resilient takeaway.

Asare came to the U.S. to do volunteer work in hurricane-damaged neighborhoods of New Orleans. While in America, he decided to make a side trip to Chicago, the Chicago Tribune's Paige Fry and Rosemary Sobol report. He made the obligatory outing to The Bean in Millennium Park, and then reconnected with German friends living in the Bridgeport neighborhood.

Early Saturday, Asare and one of his friends decided to go for a walk. Two cars pulled up. Someone in one of the cars asked Asare where he was from. "I'm not from here," Asare answered. "I don't want any trouble."

Asare didn't understand completely what the man in the car was saying, but he heard the word, "Scram." His friend bolted, but Asare froze for a few seconds. When two men got out of the cars, Asare also started running. Shots rang out. A bullet tore through his left bicep, cutting an artery. Asare got back to his friends' house in Bridgeport. He was taken to Stroger Hospital for treatment.

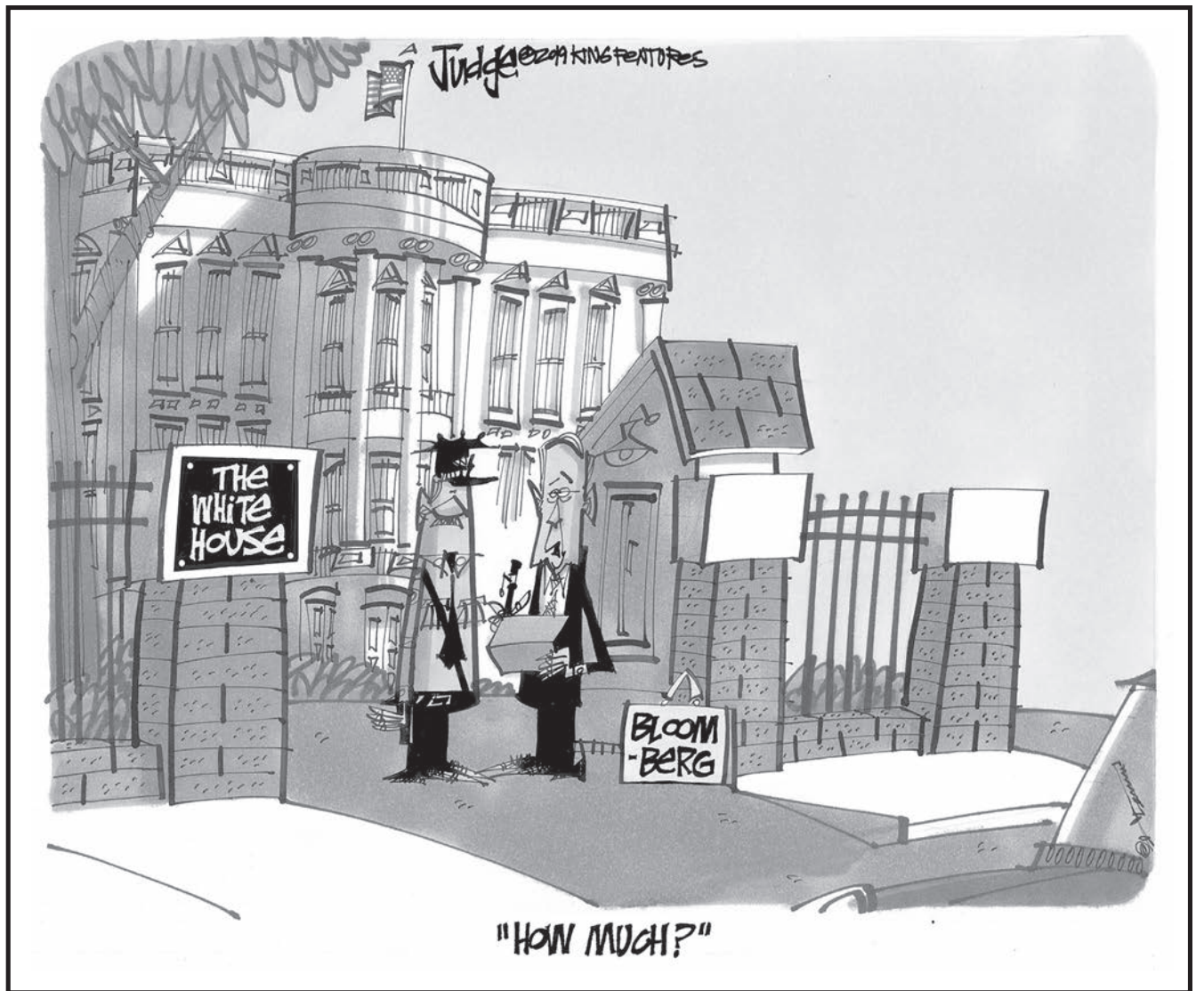
So, within 48 hours of setting foot in Chicago, Asare was shot and hospitalized. He will leave this city soon, and his chief memory probably won't be his sense of Chicago's architectural legacy, or its embrace of blues and jazz. Instead he'll recall the bullet hole in his arm.

Chicagoans know the reality Asare encountered all too well. The shooting happened in an area east of a place known for gang violence. The gangs routinely turn these quiet, tree-lined streets into war zones: A gang member spots a rival across the street, or misperceives someone as a rival, and opens fire. All too often innocents are the ones who end up on the ground, waiting for an ambulance.

It would be understandable if Asare went back to Germany angry and disillusioned about Chicago. It would be understandable if his experience reinforced perceptions of this city as a crime capital. And if Asare decided never to return to America to do volunteer work, well, who would blame him?

But that's not Asare's attitude. The shooting, he told the Tribune, "changed my general look at life. I don't know much about life, but I know almost dying made

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## This sweet spot is shrinking beneath our feet

**F**or all the fears that the U.S. and China are unwinding the economic ties that drove decades of global prosperity, it's striking how much recent optimism depends upon the two countries.

Just months ago, all the talk was about recession, stocks were tanking and tariffs flew back and forth across the Pacific. Now the S&P 500 is reaching record highs, global growth outlooks have steadied and pessimism among manufacturers appears to be abating. Expectations for a worldwide economic recovery soared in November compared with the previous month, according to a survey of fund managers by Bank of America Corp. "The bulls are back," its strategists wrote.

What changed? Two things. First, the world's most important central bank delivered, and we're starting to see the results. The Federal Reserve eased more aggressively than anyone dared hope at the dawn of 2019. Initially, there was some skepticism that Chairman Jerome Powell could pull off what he called a "mid-cycle adjustment" — that is, cutting rates enough to stave off the worst recession fears but not so much as to stoke asset bubbles. Yet markets appear satiated and U.S. employment, housing, retail and consumer-sentiment indicators have stabilized. All this was done against the backdrop of slow, steady easing in China, where the central bank started cutting reserve requirements well before the Fed moved, and trimmed borrowing costs further as the year wore on.

Another factor is the prospect of trade detente between Washington and Beijing. Officials say they are discussing a "phase one" deal that would have both sides making concessions on agriculture, intellectual property and technology. While few expect a comprehensive pact to cease economic hostilities, confidence that some kind of agreement will be reached underpins the mildly positive case for the economy. After all, few things are as important to global growth as how the world's two biggest economies interact with each other.

To be sure, nobody is talking about a boom. Prospects for 2020 are looking decent because of reduced negatives rather than increased positives: Rates were too high and had been lifted too quickly, especially considering the fact that inflation hasn't come close to most major central banks' 2% target. The Fed's key gauge of inflation rose a microscopic 1.3% in September, and China's factory-gate prices are falling, which exports lower prices to the rest of the world.

Unlike the synchronized upswing that characterized 2017,

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a sort of synchronized stability might best describe 2020. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development last week said global growth is stuck at 2.9% this year and next. The expansion will pick up to a hardly inspiring 3% in 2021. Recent market ebullience speaks to how desperate investors have become for not-utterly-terrible news.

Look closer, though, and this year's rate cuts may not be as promising as investors hope. The Fed's moves reflected a deteriorating environment and manufacturing downturn as much as anemic inflation. The outlook could darken further, forcing Powell to cut again. Remember, a year ago the Fed was about to hike again and flagged multiple increases for 2019 — that didn't last long.

China, meanwhile, hasn't delivered as much easing as many market participants would like. The cut in the benchmark rate that some predicted earlier this year hasn't arrived. Beijing seems intent on minding its own garden, keeping the expansion from slowing too much and watching leverage.

Trade optimists may be ripe for disappointment as well. Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping came close to deal earlier in the year only to see relations sour and tariffs increase. China says it's "cautiously optimistic," but the lack of a deadline and Trump's predilection to blow up diplomacy on Twitter makes this a dicey bet. Not to mention the contours of any agreement could shift quickly as the 2020 election draws closer.

So let's keep the merriment in perspective. The global economy is still a shadow of its former self, and neither of its two main drivers look too sturdy. The optimism blessing the final months of this year mainly comes down to the fact that both China and the U.S. are trying to avert disaster. Those investors humming a digitally remastered version of "Happy Days are Here Again" may wind up whistling past the grave.



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## The 7 elements of a valid will

**M**om calls a family gathering. During it, she tells the family how she wants her property doled out when she dies. One son gets the land from the stream to the crooked coconut tree. A daughter gets the land from that tree to the end of the lot. And so on. Has mom guaranteed a smooth transition when she passes? Or has she planted seeds of discord that will bloom into family conflict after she's no longer around to mediate?

It depends. If mom dies shortly after the meeting, then memories will be fresh, reducing the likelihood of disagreement. But if she died years later or she communicated less precisely than she intended, the meeting may have primed the family for a fight where each side sincerely believes they are right and, by extension, that other family members are trying to take away what mom wanted them to have. Talk about a recipe for hard feelings and lasting resentments.

What should have mom done instead? Draft a will that lists all of her stuff and then says in simple language who gets that stuff. Doing so eliminates family fights borne out of conflicting memories because mom's intent is in black and white.

As a bonus, the will's instructions and list of assets will speed up the probate process, meaning the heirs will get mom's property sooner. That's so for a couple reasons. One, as discussed, is that a will prevents many of the disputes that crop up in cases where a person dies intestate (i.e., without a will). The other reason is that a will provides a roadmap of mom's stuff.

A roadmap may not sound important. But consider the alternative. If a person dies without providing a financial roadmap, then the family has some serious sleuthing to do. They need to figure out what land mom owns, which is the easy

part. Then they need to identify mom's bank accounts, retirement accounts, brokerage accounts, life-insurance policies, and so on. And they need to figure out if mom had any debts such as car loans, mortgages, and informal IOUs. Not easy. And no matter how much detective work you do, there's always room for doubt about whether you found all of the assets.

Now let's assume mom decided to eliminate family conflict and simplify the probate process by creating a will. What are the legal elements that her will needs to follow in order to be valid?

First, she must be an adult. Simple enough.

Second, she must be of sound mind when she signed the will. To be of sound mind, she needs to understand she is signing a will, know what property she owns, and know who her immediate relatives are. These elements normally come into play late in life, such as when mom secretly executes a new will giving all of her land to a caregiver. In this case, you can challenge the new will by arguing that mom was no longer of sound mind.

Third, she must have intended to transfer property. The key here is that the will contain language showing that mom intended the will to be her final word on where her property will go after she dies. This is no time to be wishy washy.

Fourth, the will must be in writing (except for rare circumstances).

Fifth, the will must be properly signed. Under Commonwealth law, that means your mom would need to either sign the will herself or direct someone else to sign the will for her. That person would then need to sign the will in front of your mom.

Finally, the will must be properly witnessed by at least two adults who are competent to testify in court and understand

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what they are witnessing. Ideally, the witnesses will not have any interest in the will (i.e., they won't get anything from the will). If they do, then parts of the will might be void and the whole will open to challenge.

To simplify proving that a will was properly witnessed, many wills include what is known as a self-proving affidavit where the witnesses' signatures are notarized. This affidavit can eliminate the need for the witnesses to go to court to testify about the will's validity. That, in turn, can speed up the probate process, especially in cases where a witness no longer lives in the Commonwealth or is routinely absent.

To recap, creating a will reduces the potential for family conflict and is much easier for you to do now rather than forcing your loved ones to figure it out after you have passed away. So, don't procrastinate. Talk to a qualified attorney about making a will. Your family will appreciate it later.

## Why US-China military tensions over future of Taiwan could rise

**TAIPEI, Taiwan**—While the world's eyes have focused on democracy protests in Hong Kong, far less attention has been paid to Hong Kong's spill-over effect on Taiwan, a nearby island republic off the coast of China.

Here's why Americans need to be more aware of Taiwan's vibrant democracy of 23 million people, with its tight educational, high-tech and military ties to the U.S.: Its fate is the issue most likely to spark a military confrontation between Washington and Beijing.

And the reverberations of the pro-democracy revolt in Hong Kong almost guarantee that tensions between China and Taiwan will rise in the near future, especially as Taiwan heads for presidential elections early next year.

A little history is necessary to understand the prospects for a future U.S.-China set-to over Taiwan.

China considers Taiwan (officially known as the Republic of China, or ROC) to be a renegade republic. China's president Xi Jinping is anxious to reunify it with the mainland while he holds power.

The ROC was set up in Taiwan when Chinese nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek and his army fled there in 1949 after his government was defeated by the communists on the mainland. The United States eventually withdrew its recognition of

the ROC government on Taiwan (as did most countries) when it recognized the People's Republic of China in 1979.

However, Washington also signed the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act that called for the island's future to be determined "by peaceful means" and promised to provide Taipei with defensive weapons. (The Trump administration has recently approved sales to Taiwan of \$2 billion worth of tanks, armored vehicles and Stinger anti-aircraft missiles as well as an \$8 billion sale of new F-16 fighter jets).

Ever since 1979, the ROC has existed in a sort of gray zone. Beijing and Taiwan eventually adopted a fuzzy formula, known as the 1992 consensus, in which each side claimed to be the legitimate government of one China (thus finessing the issue of whether Taiwan had seceded).

That consensus eroded over time. Beijing redefined it as "one China, two systems," meaning Taiwan could maintain its democratic system but under Beijing's overlordship. (A similar formula was applied to Hong Kong).

Taiwan's gray zone faded further in January 2016, when its citizens elected President Tsai Ing-wen; she rejects the "one China" concept, insisting Taiwan is a "sovereign" republic, while carefully refraining from proclaiming independence.

Chinese leaders cut off any official dialogue with Tsai's government but were confident she would lose re-election in 2020 to a more Beijing-friendly candidate. However, as police battled pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong, Tsai's poll numbers soared, and she is now the overwhelming favorite.

"They were trying to use Hong Kong as a model but we see it is a fake," I was told by Wang Ting-yu, chairman of the foreign affairs and national defense committee of Taiwan's parliament. "The Hong Kong events woke up a lot of people, especially the younger generation."

Adds Ketty Chen, of the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, "The sense of Taiwan identity is very strong among young people. Taiwanese are not necessarily pro-independence, but they are anti-unification. They want to live under a democratic system."

This raises an existential question: With Xi Jinping insisting that unification is China's goal- and refusing to rule out use of force- how does Taiwan hold him off? And what should U.S. policy be if China tests Taiwan's resolve?

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I put these questions to Taiwan's foreign minister Joseph Wu. "The policy of this government is not to make any provocation," he insisted (although Tsai picked a vice presidential candidate who has been openly pro-independence). "We will not give China any excuse to launch an attack on Taiwan."

But Taiwan leaders do worry. China just sent its new aircraft carrier through the straits as a warning, and is buying off the handful of states that recognize Taiwan diplomatically.

If trade wars continue, and the Hong Kong crisis drags on, might Xi try to divert attention by squeezing Taiwan?

Says Wu. "What we are concerned about is hybrid warfare, including cyberattacks, massive disinformation attacks, combined with military activity."

Cyberwar could shut down key systems (which are already under attack from Beijing), while Chinese missiles could take out Taiwanese planes and ports.

However, Taiwan's goal, says Wu, is to "show China they would have to pay a very dear price if they want to launch an attack," helped by U.S. weapons. He also says, "Our military strategy is to prepare to defend ourselves alone."

Still, in a worst case, scenario, Washington would no doubt be called on and no one is certain what response would be forthcoming. While Congress firmly supports Taiwan, President Trump's reaction is unpredictable.

A normal White House would be devising a broad strategy, in concert with Asian allies, to convince China not to make any risky moves on Taiwan. And it would strongly advise Tsai Ing-wen, should she win reelection in January, to be very cautious in her second term. Stay tuned.

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me appreciate it more." The attack has reinforced his commitment to volunteering, to helping people.

"A lot of things have to change," Asare said. "It's not only the guns. It's not only Chicago."






But wait. Asare says he doesn't know much about life? He knows that selflessness makes life richer.

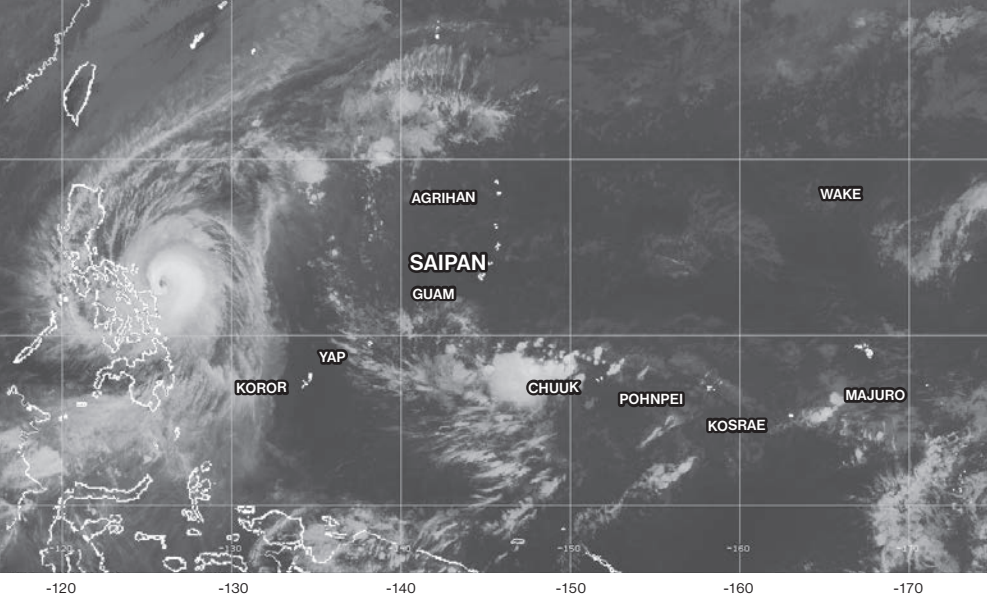
All Chicagoans can feel heartened that there are many people like Immanuel Asare. Rather than seethe and rant about a troubled world, they want to change it.

Mr. Asare, we Chicagoans may not deserve you and your spirit. But we thank you. Safe trip home.



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
									
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 20 mph.		Breezy. Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 20 to 25 mph		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
87°	77°	88°	77°	87°	77°	86°	76°	86°	76°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



**PICTURE TIME: 7:53 AM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A circulation now near Chuuk will move westward and pass south of Guam by Tuesday. Models keep it south of 10N but enough low-level convergence and moisture north of it will produce mostly cloudy skies, isolated showers and thunderstorms tonight through Wednesday. As the circulation passes south of the local area the slightly increased pressure gradient will cause winds to become breezy with wind speeds of between 20 and 25 mph during the day Wednesday. In the wake of the circulation, a dry weather pattern will persist over the local area Wednesday night through next Sunday with 700 mb relative humidity well below 50 percent.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 78°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	75° / 61°	
Beijing	Sunny	46° / 19°	
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	72° / 59°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	82° / 72°	
London	Partly Cloudy	43° / 36°	
Los Angeles	Cloudy	67° / 56°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	68° / 52°	
Miami	Showers	83° / 52°	
New York	Mixed	41° / 34°	
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	55° / 43°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	45° / 28°	
Busan	Mostly Sunny	52° / 37°	
Rome	Rain	61° / 43°	
Salem	Partly Cloudy	53° / 35°	
San Francisco	Showers	58° / 51°	
Seoul	Sunny	43° / 23°	
Tokyo	Sunny	57° / 41°	
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	48° / 36°	

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11:34 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.15	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
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Thursday	6:29 AM	5:45 PM
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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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UA105	6:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:30pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:20am	6:30am	Daily	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
				7C3452	10:05pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:05am	6:05am	Daily	OZ6233	8:00am	1:20pm	2, 4, 6
OZ626	2:10am	6:10am	1	OZ623	8:55am	2:30pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:25am	3, 7	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 4, 5, 6	OZ625	7:30pm	1:00am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:35am	Daily	TW307	7:45pm	1:05am+1	Daily
OZ6243	3:20pm	7:10pm	2, 4, 6	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
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7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily				
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SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
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JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:35am	1 via ICN	UA184/174	12:40am	8:07am+1	3, 6 via GUM
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## TOUCHING PEOPLE'S LIVES

## Interview with Jerry Tan

By ALEX MEGINO  
KHS STUDENT, 10TH GRADE

This month, Youngstyle resident interviewer Alex Megino talks to TanHoldings president and CEO Jerry Tan. The local businessman is also the president of the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association.

**Your family went through a long history with the CNMI. Why the CNMI out of all places?**

Our family migrated in 1972 from Hong Kong to Guam, and from there expanded our family business throughout Micronesia, including the CNMI. So that's how I came to live in and raise my family in Saipan.

**Culturally, who are you at heart?**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Jerry Tan scans the pitch before making a pass during Shirley's Football Club's game against the CNMI Women's National Team in Division A of the 2019 Fall Men's M-League at the NMI Soccer Training Center.

I am of Chinese-descent and still live by Chinese core values that our parents taught us from childhood.

Unlike my siblings who moved back home to Hong Kong 30 years ago, I have lived in Guam and Saipan for

more than 40 years, so I also consider myself more of an island boy.

**Also talking about one of your recent very valuable projects to local sports, NMISTC (Koblerville soc-**



Asian Football Confederation president Sheikh Salman Bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa, center, joins Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, right, and Japan Football Association president Kohzo Tashima for a photo taken before the finals match between Qatar and Japan in the 2019 AFC Asian Cup at the Zayed Sports City Stadium in Abu Dhabi in February.

**cer pitch), where does your passion for soccer stem from?**

I was born in Hong Kong, which used to be a British colony. So, every kid in HK grew up watching English soccer leagues and playing the sport, and it's still the same today.

I continued playing soccer/football when I moved to Guam during my junior high and high school years. My love for football as a sport continues, and that's why I want to share the same passion with our youth in the CNMI.

**Please name your favorite international team. How about your favorite player, who would it be?**

Manchester United. Franz Beckenbauer

**If you could choose or buy a talent, what would you wish for?**

I will wish to learn or acquire the talent of being "tech-savvy."

**Would that talent help you influence the world and how?**

I am a Generation X baby, what you may call those who grew up in the "old world."

But we are now living in



Businessman Jerry Tan poses with Youngstyle resident interviewer Alex Megino.

**What do you think is most important in life?**

It is most important to help people—acting out of a genuine desire to be generous with my time and resources.

**What do you plan to achieve in the future which would excite you and inspire you to go for it?**

I plan to continue to do more to support our youth, whether through sports or other development programs that can help them achieve a meaningful life and become good citizens wherever their paths may bring them.

**What is your life motto?**

Touching People's Lives

## SPORTS CORNER: Why I joined soccer?

"I joined soccer because I found it interesting. When I first joined, I got tired and decided to quit. But I changed my mind and then went back to soccer. I realized that it could take me to many places and it did. Like Guam, Tinian, China, Manila, Indonesia, and Cambodia. So, playing soccer is a fun sport and I hope a lot of people in Saipan plays."

—Merrick Toves

Mt. Carmel School, 10th grade



"The reasons why I started to play soccer is for life skills that can't be gain through daily normal life activities. Example are teamwork, perseverance, confidence, hard work, dedication, and lastly patience. The reason why continuing soccer is important to me is because a lot of people didn't think I would be anything. But through

soccer I was able to change their opinions on me. I have a long way to go but I'm positive that one day I'm gonna impact the island in many ways."

—Gabe Arkoh

Marianas High School, 10th Grade

me to be fit. I chose soccer because it's not that tough like other sports. I play soccer also because I want to be a soccer superstar. So, I wish that the CNMI National Football Team will be the winner of the Asian Football Cup."

—Anton Winchester

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, 5th Grade

"Soccer is a good sport for

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# FRIENDSTUBE

## MESSAGE 1

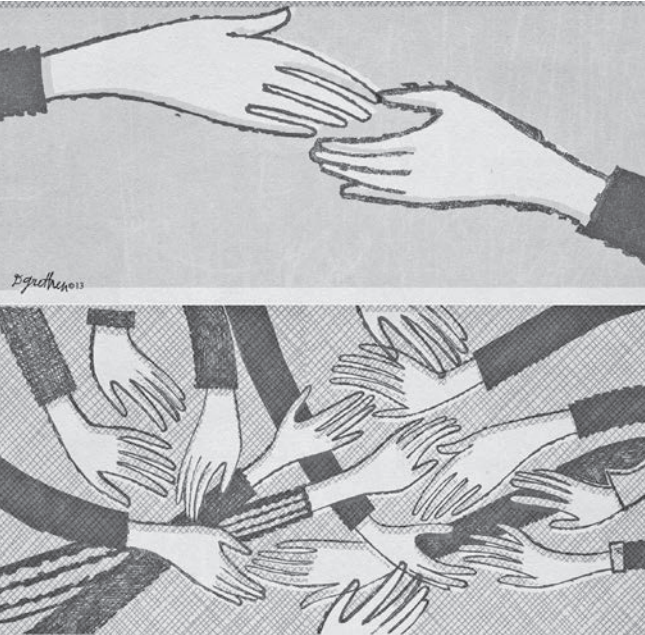
"My buddy Louis from MHS is a funny trickster and a true friend to me! You always make me laugh with your jokes. Keep rocking the savage, brother!"

## MESSAGE 2

"FAST FRIENDS ARE THE BEST. MY FRIEND IS FAST AND INTELLIGENT. SHE is my class fellow and lives near my house. We both enjoy a lot on summer vacation with our families. FILOMELOLEONISA (TANMS) is very cool!"

## MESSAGE 3

"Mikayla (GTC) is a good student. She's smart and always pays attention. She is not mean."



## MESSAGE 4

"WELL, don't know what to say, my dear Alinda (KHS). At my side, you are super energetic and always so positive. I hope you'll continue to be my friend for a long time. And one more thing: keep being happy!"



## MESSAGE 5

"Nolan (TANMS) you are a fast player Your speed is like a jet soccer. Your sport spirit makes your team proud. Stay happy always to make your team happy"

## MESSAGE 6

"WHAT's up, Brian (CHA CHa Middle School)! You are great friend. You would always help me when assistance is needed and cheer me up with humorous jokes. Keep up with the great positivity!"

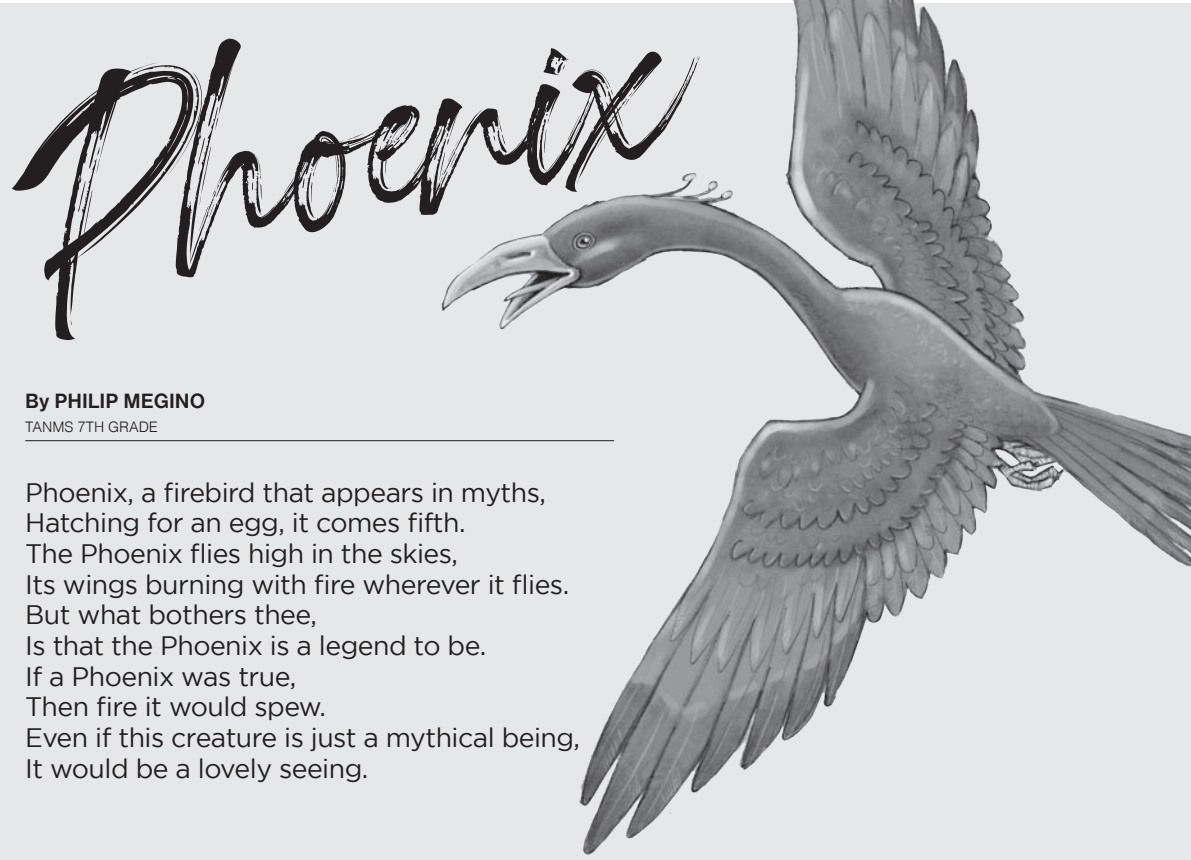
## MESSAGE 7

"Tianna (GTC) is my best friend. We sometimes meet each other at recess or maybe lunch break. She is also in 4th grade like me, but not in my class, so she has a different teacher."



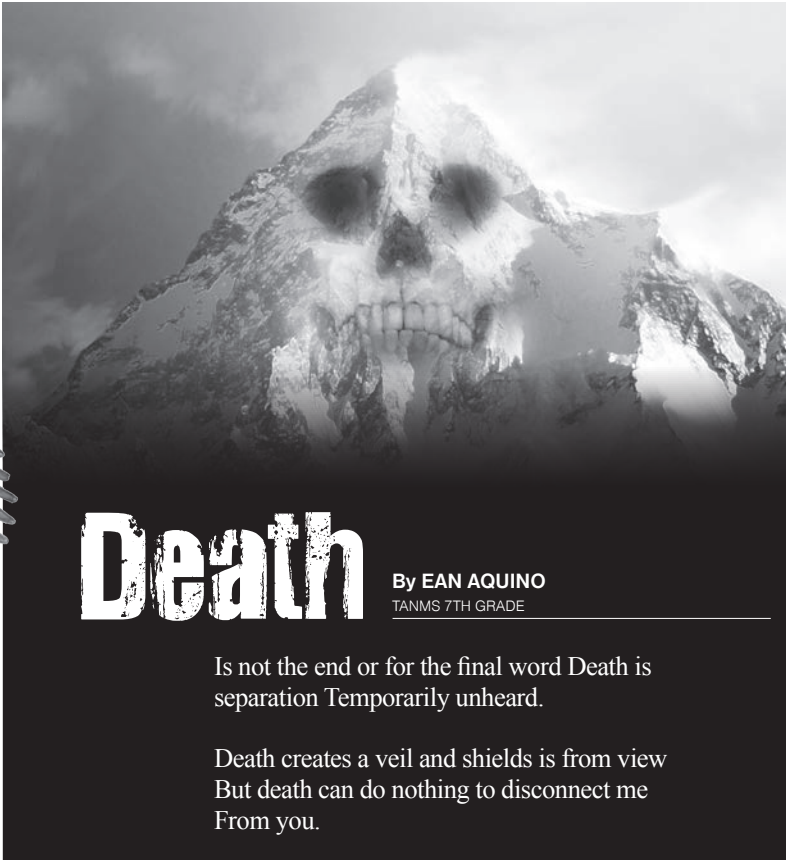
## MESSAGE 8

"My good friend Javen (GTC) is a silly joker. Your jokes remind me when I listen to a clown in a circus. You make me laugh so hard. Your drive our class crazy!" :D



By PHILIP MEGINO  
TANMS 7TH GRADE

Phoenix, a firebird that appears in myths, Hatching for an egg, it comes fifth. The Phoenix flies high in the skies, Its wings burning with fire wherever it flies. But what bothers thee, Is that the Phoenix is a legend to be. If a Phoenix was true, Then fire it would spew. Even if this creature is just a mythical being, It would be a lovely seeing.



Death  
By EAN AQUINO  
TANMS 7TH GRADE

Is not the end or for the final word Death is separation Temporarily unheard.

Death creates a veil and shields is from view But death can do nothing to disconnect me From you.





In this Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 file photo, environmental activists stage a rally demanding action in stopping the climate crisis in Seoul, South Korea. 'Generation Greta' has become a vocal force in the debate over global warming. AP

**BERLIN (AP)**—It's safe to say that anyone flying to this year's global climate conference in Madrid had better have a watertight excuse if they meet Greta Thunberg.

The Swedish teen has set a high standard for government officials, scientists and environmental campaigners attending the Dec. 2-13 talks by deciding to sail back across the Atlantic following a last-minute switch of venue from Chile.

Thunberg's steadfast refusal to take the plane to Spain is a key plank of the message of the worldwide movement she has helped create, and of the earnestness with which its followers pursue their cause.

Hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of mostly young people are expected to rally in cities around the world Friday to demand that governments step up their efforts to curb climate change.

Thunberg is likely to join them in spirit from the sailboat *La Vagabonde* on which she's crossing the Atlantic together with a small crew. She's hoping to make it to Madrid in time to put world leaders on the spot—again—about what they are doing to protect her generation from the worst of global warming.

The 16-year-old has become an inspiration to peers such as August Wietfeldt, a senior at Lusher Charter School in New Orleans who says Thunberg has helped highlight the way previous generations have used up resources unsustainably.

"The short-term gain is just awful because then our generation, and ones after that, will need to bear the consequences," he said.

Wietfeldt fears climate change could trigger massive economic and social problems akin to those seen in the 1930s, when severe drought caused mass migration away from America's farming heartlands to the western states.

"If we don't fight land loss, then that's going to happen again," he said. "We really need to be taking action to prevent scenarios like that."

Together with other members of the school's

By **FRANK JORDANS**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS



In this Monday, Sept. 23, 2019 file photo, Environmental activist Greta Thunberg, of Sweden, addresses the Climate Action Summit in the United Nations General Assembly, at U.N. headquarters in New York. 'Generation Greta' has become a vocal force in the debate over global warming. AP

SEA Club—Students for Environmental Action—Wietfeldt has been helping pick up trash at a park on the Mississippi River.

An ocean away, Jennifer Selfa shares that hands-on spirit in her school conservation group in Lagos, Nigeria.

"Some of the things I have been doing to reduce climate change are planting of trees," the 15-year-old said.

Teacher Victoria Ebesunan said the students are helping battle ignorance about climate change, spreading the word in the local dialect—rather than English—about the need to protect the environment.

This growing awareness has become a big factor in the climate debate over the past year, said Andrew Steer, head of the Washington-based environmental campaign group World Resources Institute.

"We've never had 7 million people, almost all young, marching before," said Steer, refer-

ring to the 'global climate strikes' that have marked moments of concerted worldwide protest over the past year—often organized largely over social media.

Thunberg alone has amassed more than 3 million Twitter followers since first launching her one-person protests in front of the Swedish parliament last year.

Steer said it's unclear yet whether the movement, diffuse as it is, will continue to grow. But indications are that in the upcoming United States presidential election at least, climate change will play a prominent role.

"The issue is rising on the agenda both in the United States and globally," he said.

Simply, the candidates cannot ignore what's going on.

In Louisiana, facing epic land loss that will only worsen if global warming raises sea levels further, confronting climate change is no mere student fad.

Last year, New Harmony High School opened with the goal of preparing students for careers in coastal protection and restoration.

"We want to help, so we can stay here longer than 50 years, because I want to raise my children here," said sophomore Michael Bailey as he recently used a shovel to cut invasive vines away from a native tree.

"Making a little change—we might see what's gonna happen."

Earlier this year, signs of a 'green wave' in politics emerged in elections for the European Parliament, where environmental parties were among the big vote winners.

Austria's Green party is poised to enter government for the first time, while in neighboring Germany its sister party has been riding high in the polls for months.

Franziska Heinisch, a 20-year-old student and climate activist from the southwest German city of Heidelberg, said she's hopeful that 'Generation Greta,' as some have called it, is being heard by those in power. This week's global rally will be followed Dec. 6 by a demonstration in Madrid, half-way through the climate conference.

"The pressure is simply growing," said Heinisch, adding that Thunberg's blunt talk—she famously confronted world leaders in New York with the words "how dare you?"—reflects some of the anger young people feels toward its elders.

For Johan Rockström, co-director of Germany's Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, the youth movement has injected an element of morality into the climate debate, said Rockström.

"(It's created) a new narrative across generations in society to say, look, here: a healthy, clean, sustainable, safe future is what we want," he said.

Later generations might one day look back and see the start of mass protests as the moment when the tide began to turn on global warming.

"We don't know yet, but it could be the tipping point," said Rockström.



## Curious Kids:

## How come Donald Trump won if Hillary Clinton got more votes?

By SARAH BURNS  
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*Curious Kids is a series for children of all ages. If you have a question you'd like an expert to answer, send it to CuriousKidsUS@theconversation.com.*

"How come Donald Trump won if Hillary Clinton got more votes?"

—Ellen T., 8, Cambridge, Massachusetts

"Many Americans wonder why Donald Trump became president after the 2016 election, since Hillary Clinton got more votes overall.

In fact, Clinton got as many votes in 2016 as Barack Obama did in 2012. Hers were concentrated in fewer states, however, which makes all the difference in the American political system.

I'm a professor who studies the presidency. To explain why Trump won we have to go back to the founding of the United States.

### What is the Electoral College?

In the United States, something called the Electoral College determines how many votes a presidential candidate gets in an election.

Each state has a certain number of votes for presidential candidates roughly tied to the population of the state. This number is equal to the number of representatives and senators the state sends to Congress.

For example, New York, the state where I live, has 27 representatives and therefore 29 Electoral College votes. Washington, D.C. — which doesn't have any members of congress — has three Electoral College votes.

But the rules also say each state must have at least one representative and there can only be 435 members of the House. Because of the way those available seats are divided up, certain states have fewer representatives per person than in other states.

For example, each of the 53 representatives in the House from California represents roughly 746,415 people. In Wyoming, that number drops to 577,737 for their one representative.

This means the national popular vote — which goes to the candidate who won the most individual votes — can be somewhat different than the Electoral College vote.

That's what happened in the 2016 election. Large portions of city-dwellers in



President Donald Trump points while eating during a surprise Thanksgiving Day visit to the troops, Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019, at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. AP

blue states voted for Clinton, giving her the most votes nationally.

But Trump had an advantage in states with smaller populations and an advantage in the Electoral Col-

lege. This is in part because 48 states and the District of Columbia give all of the electoral votes from the state to the candidate who wins the majority of the votes. Only Maine and Nebraska don't

follow this 'winner takes all' approach.

### Where did it come from?

The Electoral College is part of the U.S. Constitution.

In 1787, the Founding Fathers worried that the people might elect a demagogue, or someone who would appeal to their emotions and facilitate the creation and execution of laws based on fear or anger.

The founders assumed the electors in the Electoral College would just be "unfaithful" to the voters if they voted for someone unqualified.

In modern times, people in all 50 states vote in November and those decisions are conveyed to the electors. The electors meet in mid-December to cast the official ballot for president.

Almost always, they adhere to the votes of the people, but every so often an unfaithful elector votes for a different candidate. Electors are generally chosen by the party — Republicans and Democrats — but each state determines for itself how it chooses electors.

In the case of the 2016 election, electors largely voted with their states, electing Trump president.

*Hello, curious kids! Do you have a question you'd like an expert to answer? Ask an adult to send your question to curiouskidsus@theconversation.com. Please tell us your name, age and the city where you live.*

*And since curiosity has no age limit — adults, let us know what you're wondering, too. We won't be able to answer every question, but we will do our best.*

## As a novelty or a favorite, wooden toys can make great gifts

By LEANNE ITALIE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Why buy wooden toys for children? Chances are good you know at least one parent who sings their praises for durability, sustainability or magical powers to boost creativity. If you don't, know that such toys can make great gifts.

Some ideas:

### WOOD ON WHEELS

Cars, trucks, construction vehicles, emergency vehicles: Wooden toys that move are everywhere. Look no further than Melissa & Doug, the mass producer with a wide variety. The brand is available everywhere. The company makes construction vehicles for ages 3-6 that a child must stack together themselves before playing. \$19.99 each. On the handmade emporium Etsy.com, the shop TwentySevenUK sells a small wooden racing car that can be engraved with a child's name and a special date. The seller offers free shipping to the U.S. Each car is \$43.05



This image released by Etsy shows wooden racing car that can be engraved with a child's name and a special date from Etsy seller TwentySevenUK. The seller offers free shipping to the U.S. Each car is \$43.05 and comes in white, yellow or green. AP

and comes in white, yellow or green. Wooden train sets may not have wheels, but they do move and there's a nice selection. Check out the world of Brio.

### KITCHEN TOYS

Lots of wooden play kitch-

ens and toy appliances are out there, but they've got a lot of plastic competition. Best to check with a parent first before taking on the big ticket. If you're not confident about gifting a full-size kitchen, go for a miniature set. Tender Leaf Toys, which

makes a beautiful array of wooden toys, has a kitchen set intended for a dollhouse but perfectly suitable as a stand-alone gift. \$44.99. Tender Leaf makes lots of other cool kitchen toys, too, including a colorful espresso machine complete with coffee pods that drop and a milk jug. \$39.99.

### TABLE GAMES

From tic-tac-toe to backgammon, lots of table games come in wood. Aerin makes a fancy Jenga, the classic balancing game, with blocks made of beech, stored in a cream or brown shagreen box with brass detailing. \$1,100. It also sells a French Solitaire Set that includes a circular board crafted in Italy from ashwood, with 33 brass balls. \$2,750. A little too steep price-wise? Head to Amazon for a nice looking tic-tac-toe table set in wood for \$9.99, or a plywood 4 in a row game for \$22.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Circle stackers for infants and toddlers are also plentiful,



This image released by Etsy shows wooden circle stackers for infants and toddlers by Etsy seller, SouthBendWorks. AP

but one Etsy seller, SouthBendWorks, makes a lovely version in multicolored hardwood. \$39.99. Pottery Barn Kids carries a wooden pet set complete with a rabbit and its hutch, a dog and its doghouse, and a cat and its cat bed. There are also food bowls and food, including a carrot for the bunny. \$29. How about a throwback? A company called Novanatural.com sells a set of wooden stilts for ages 6 and up in oak hardwood. \$64.



# Business

## GUAM BUSINESS MAGAZINE

# Nominees for Executive of the Year announced

**BARRIGADA, Guam**—*Guam Business Magazine* is pleased to announce the nominees for the 2019 Guam Business Magazine Executive of the Year. The annual Executive of the Year award program recognizes executives who have made outstanding contributions to the business communities of Micronesia and who have raised the bar in their fields.

The nominees are:

■ **Richard Chan**, president, Archway Inc., which does business as Infusion Coffee & Tea, I Love Guam, and The Beverage Source

■ **Dr. Michael W. Cruz**, president and CEO, Guam Regional Medical City

■ **Dean Huntsman**, General Manager, Dusit Thani Guam Resort

■ **Annamarie T. Muna**, president and general manager, AM Insurance

■ **James I. Oehlerking**, CEO, PTI Pacifica, which does business as IT&E

■ **John R. Onedera**, country managing partner, Ernst and Young LLP

■ **Ryan F. Torres**, general manager of Macy's Guam

The winner will be revealed at the Executive of the Year award gala on Jan. 11, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Guam, together with the release of the January-February 2020 issue of *Guam Business Magazine*, which will feature a commissioned portrait of the winner on the cover.

Proceeds from the gala will benefit the Guam Chapter of the American Red

Cross. Tickets are available for \$200 per person and may be purchased from Chita A. Blaise, CEO of the American Red Cross, by calling (671) 472-6217 or by emailing [chita.blaise@redcross.org](mailto:chita.blaise@redcross.org).

Past Executive of the Year recipients include Robert H. Jones of Triple J Enterprises Inc. (1983); John M. Borlas of IT&E Overseas Inc. (1984); Philip J. Flores of BankPacific (1985); Doris Flores Brooks of the Office of Public Accountability (1986); Mark V. Pangilinan of M.V. Pangelinan Enterprises Inc. (1987); Allen A. Pickens of Tax-Aide (1988); the late T. Roy Sullivan of Jones & Guerrero Co. (1989); Kurt S. Moylan of Moylan's Insurance (1990); the late Akira "Mike" Baba of Baba Corp. (1991); Paul M. Calvo of Calvo Enterprises Inc. (1992); Antoinette D. Sanford of Sanford Technology Group (1993); the late Kenneth T. Jones of Jones & Guerrero Co. (1994); the late Edward M. Calvo of Calvo Enterprises Inc. (1995); L. Carl Peterson of Money Resources Inc. (1996); William R. Thompson (1997) of Atkins Kroll Inc.; the late John K. Lee of First Hawaiian Bank (1998); the late Henry L. Schnabel of Calvo's Insurance Underwriters (1999); Marian Aldan-Pierce of DFS Saipan (2000); Manfred H. Pieper of Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia (2001); Thomas G. Ahillen of Asia Pacific Solutions LLC (2002); Juan T. Guerrero of Herman's Mod-

ern Bakery Inc. (2003); Joseph M. Crisostomo of Cars Plus LLC, Cycles Plus and Payless Car Rental (2004); Joseph "Jerry" Kramer of Pacific International Inc. (2004); David M. Sablan of Century Group of Companies (2005); the late Alfred C. Ysrael of Tanota Partners (2006); Lee P. Webber of MDA Guam (2007); Laura-Lynn V. Dacanay of First Hawaiian Bank (2008); Jerry Cho Yee Tan of Tan Holdings Inc. (2009); Lourdes A. "Lou" Leon Guerrero of Bank of Guam (2010); Jay R. Shedd of IT&E (2011); Jerrold C. Johnson of Hawaiian Rock Products (2012); George Chiu of Tan Holdings (2013); Norman T. Tenorio of Joeten Enterprises Inc., Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc., Tropical Instant Press Inc., Saipan Shipping Co., Saipan Stevedore and Advance Carrier (2014); Jeffrey B. Jones of Triple J Enterprises Inc. (2015); Jose C. "Joe" Ayuyu of McDonald's of Guam and Saipan, RJ Corp. and RJ Guam LLC (2016); Leonard K. Kaae Sr., senior vice president and general manager, Black Construction Corp. (2017); and Bernadette N. Valencia, vice president and general manager of for Micronesia and Okinawa, Matson Navigation Inc. (2018).

For additional information or inquiries, contact Steve Graff, managing editor of *Guam Business Magazine* at (671) 649-0883 ext. 126 or email [managingeditor@glimpesofguam.com](mailto:managingeditor@glimpesofguam.com). (PR)

officials earlier said the U.S. side had agreed to gradually phase out the tariffs as progress is made on ending the dispute over trade and technology. The U.S. side did not confirm that. The newspaper cited various Chinese officials saying that existing tariffs is a top priority for China for the phase one deal.

### Online shoppers boost small business sales

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Shoppers, many of them using smartphones, spent \$3.6 billion buying online from small businesses on Saturday. Adobe Analytics, which tracks online sales, says that's up 18% from a year earlier. Adobe re-

ports that holiday season sales are on track to grow 14.9% from 2018. Small businesses garnered \$68.2 billion in online sales from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30. More people are shopping on their phones. Adobe said Sunday that smartphone revenue made up 41.2% of all e-commerce revenue on Saturday. That is up 22% from a year ago. Saturday's top-selling products included toys from Disney's "Frozen 2," "Madden 20" and "FIFA 20" video games, Amazon's Fire TV and Apple AirPods. Looking ahead to Cyber Monday, Adobe expects a record \$9.4 billion in online retail sales, up 19% from last year.

# Nation

# WH won't take part in impeachment hearing

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The White House declared Sunday it would not participate in the first impeachment hearings before the House Judiciary Committee as Democrats prepared to approve their report Tuesday making the case for President Donald Trump's removal from office.

The Democratic majority on the House Intelligence Committee says its report will speak for itself in laying out possible charges of bribery or "high crimes and misdemeanors," the constitutional standard for impeachment. After receiving the report, the Judiciary Committee would prepare actual charges.

That committee's first hearing was already set for Wednesday and was expected to feature four legal experts who will examine questions of constitutional grounds as the committee decides whether to write articles of impeachment against Trump, and if so, what those articles would be.

The White House was invited to attend the Wednesday hearing, but its counsel declined in a fiery letter released Sunday evening.

"This baseless and highly



David Holmes, a U.S. diplomat in Ukraine, testifies before the House Intelligence Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019, during a public impeachment hearing of President Donald Trump's efforts to tie U.S. aid for Ukraine to investigations of his political opponents.

partisan inquiry violates all past historical precedent, basic due process rights, and fundamental fairness," said White House counsel Pat Cipollone, continuing the West Wing's attack on the procedural form of the impeachment proceedings. Trump himself was scheduled to attend a summit with NATO allies outside London on Wednesday.

Cipollone's letter applied only to the Wednesday hearing, and he demanded more information from Democrats on how they intended to conduct further hearings before Trump would decide whether

to participate in those hearings. House-passed rules provide the president and his attorneys the right to cross-examine witnesses and review evidence before the committee, but little ability to bring forward witnesses of their own.

Republicans, meanwhile, wanted Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the Intelligence Committee, to testify before the Judiciary Committee, though they have no power to compel him to do so, as they joined the White House effort to try to cast the Democratic-led inquiry as skewed against the Republican president.

# Deadly storm moves cross country taking aim at Northeast

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Hundreds of flights were canceled and thousands delayed for travelers heading home after the Thanksgiving holiday as a deadly winter storm moved to the Northeast on Sunday, packing one last punch of snow and ice.

The National Weather Service predicted more than a foot (0.3 meters) of snow in swaths of upstate New York and New England, as well as ice accumulations in parts of Pennsylvania.

"We've got our shovels ready. We've got the snowblower ready. We're prepared," said Paul Newman of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

In New York, numerous schools announced closings and Gov. Andrew Cuomo advised non-essential state employees to stay home as the storm was forecast to bring snow, sleet, wind and rain through the day Monday.

State police had responded to more than 550 storm-related crashes across New York by 7 p.m. Sunday and Cuomo placed National Guard personnel on standby. Icy roads

caused numerous crashes on Interstate 84 in Pennsylvania on Sunday and a section of Interstate 81 north of Binghamton was closed because of icy conditions for a while.

The same storm has been pummeling the U.S. for days as it moved cross country, dumping heavy snow from parts of California to the northern Midwest and inundating other areas with rain.

It has been blamed for several deaths.

The bodies of a boy and a girl, both 5, were found in central Arizona after their vehicle was swept away Friday while crossing a swollen creek.

Two adults and four other children were rescued by helicopter, but a 6-year-old girl is still missing. Rescuers are combing the area of Tonto Basin, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) northeast of Phoenix, with helicopters, drones, boats and dogs.

"We want to bring her home safely to her family," said Lt. Virgil Dodd of the Gila County Sheriff's Office. "She needs to come home today, and we're

going to do that."

Two boys, ages 5 and 8, died Saturday near Patton, Missouri, when the vehicle they were riding in was swept off flooded roads.

A 48-year-old man died in a separate incident near Sedgewickville, Missouri, and a storm-related death was reported in South Dakota.

Also in South Dakota, a small-engine plane carrying 12 people crashed shortly after takeoff Saturday afternoon, killing nine people and injuring three others. Federal aviation investigators are looking into whether snowy weather was a factor.

Major highways reopened Sunday in Wyoming and Colorado, a day after blizzard conditions clogged roads with snow drifts.

Road crews were able to reopen all of Interstate 25 and most of I-80 in Wyoming early Sunday after strong winds abated. Major interstates in Colorado were also reopened.

Still, authorities warned travelers to remain alert for slick conditions and blowing snow.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### China repeats demand for rollback of US tariffs for deal

**BEIJING (AP)**—A Chinese official newspaper has reiterated, repeatedly, Beijing's demand that the U.S. roll back tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump's administration in exchange for a deal. The Communist Party newspaper Global Times ran several articles Monday that emphasized there would be no deal without a promise to phase out the tariffs imposed by Washington. Officials are negotiating a preliminary "Phase 1" agreement aimed at resolving the 18-month-old tariff war between the two largest economies. Chinese



# Asia

## Hundreds rally for Suu Kyi

**YANGON, Myanmar** (AP)—About 700 people rallied Sunday to show support for Myanmar's leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, as she prepares to defend the country against charges of genocide at the U.N.'s highest court.

Members of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party swelled the ranks in front of the colonial-era City Hall in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city, as the crowd waved national flags and listened to music and poetry. A popular local singer told them "Mother Suu is the bravest human being in the world—her weapon is love."

Many carried banners saying, "We stand with you, Mother Suu."

The case before the International Court of Justice in The Hague relates to a harsh counterinsurgency campaign waged by Myanmar's military against members of the country's Muslim Rohingya community in August 2017 in response to an insurgent attack.

More than 700,000 Rohingya fled to neighboring Bangladesh to escape what has been called an ethnic cleansing campaign involving mass rapes, killings and the torching of homes.

The head of a U.N. fact-finding mission on Myanmar warned



A boy with Karen ethnic attire holds placard with picture of Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi during a rally Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, in Yangon, Myanmar.

recently that "there is a serious risk of genocide recurring."

Gambia filed the case at the ICJ, also known as the world court, on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

The case alleges that Myanmar's actions against the Rohingya are "genocidal in character because they are intended to destroy the Rohingya group in whole or in part."

Myanmar has strongly denied the charges but says it stands ready to take action against wrong-doers if there is sufficient evidence.

A statement on the website

16,000 people attended the Kowloon rally.

Slogans spray-painted along walls and on sidewalks reminded the crowd that "Freedom is not free" and pledged "Victory at all costs."

The Kowloon march was cut short after riot police fired tear gas and arrested a few people. A police statement said minimum force was deployed after "hundreds of rioters hurled smoke bombs" and bricks.

Marchers berated police as they scrambled to flee the tear gas, shouting "Dirty cops" and "Are you trying to kill us?" Some protesters dug up paving stones and threw them on the street to try to slow the police down.

More tear gas was fired at night after dozens of hardcore protesters set up roadblocks and vandalized some shops and restaurants linked to China.

Hong Kong's protests have been relatively peaceful during the two weeks around the Nov. 24 elections, but Sunday's disruption indicated there may be more violence if Lam fails to yield to protesters' demands.

Tensions started Saturday night after police used pepper balls against protesters and a man was hit in the head by an unidentified assailant while clearing the street.

Lam has said she'll acceler-

of the Ministry of the Interior said recently that the renewed international pressure on the country was due to a lack of understanding of "the complexities of the issue and the narratives of the people of Myanmar."

Suu Kyi, who was awarded the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for championing democracy and human rights under Myanmar's then-ruling junta, will lead the delegation to The Hague in her capacity as foreign minister.

Hearings are due to start on Dec. 10. The case is expected to last several years.

ate dialogue but has refused to offer any new concessions since the elections. Her government has accepted only one demand—withdrawal of extradition legislation that would have sent suspects to mainland China for trial.

Elaine Wong, an office worker who was at the Kowloon march, called the recent election win "an empty victory."

"We have in actual fact not won any concessions for our demands," she said. "We must continue to stand out to remind the government of our unhappiness."

The two earlier marches Sunday appealed to President Donald Trump for help and demanded that police stop using tear gas.

Waving American flags, black-clad protesters marched to the U.S. Consulate to thank Trump for signing into law last week legislation supporting their cause and urged him to swiftly sanction Lam and other officials for suppressing human rights.

Some held banners reading "Let's make Hong Kong great again" — a riff on Trump's 2016 campaign pledge to make America great again. One showed him standing atop a tank with "Trump" emblazoned on the front and side.

# World

## IN MEXICO CARTEL ATTACK NEAR US

## Death toll now at 20

**MEXICO CITY** (AP)—Mexican security forces on Sunday killed seven more members of a presumed cartel assault force that rolled into a town near the Texas border and staged an hour-long attack, officials said, putting the overall death toll at 20.

The Coahuila state government said in a statement that lawmen aided by helicopters were still chasing remnants of the force that arrived in a convoy of pickup trucks and attacked the city hall of Villa Union on Saturday.

Gov. Miguel Angel Riquelme said late Sunday afternoon that authorities had determined the casualty count from the gunbattles stood at 14 gunmen dead and four police officers killed. He said two civilians also were slain by gunmen after being abducted.

The governor said six more officers were wounded as were four young people who had been taken by the attackers.

Francisco Contreras, an official in the state security agency, said later that the two slain civilians were a firefighter and an engineer who worked for the municipality. He said a second firefighter

was missing.

The reason for the military-style attack remained unclear. Cartels have been contending for control of smuggling routes in northern Mexico, but there was no immediate evidence that a rival cartel had been targeted in Villa Union.

Earlier Sunday, the state government had issued a statement saying seven attackers were killed Sunday in addition to seven who died Saturday. It had said three other bodies had not been identified, but its later statement lowered the total deaths to 20.

The governor said the armed group — at least some in military style garb — stormed the town of 3,000 residents in a convoy of trucks, attacking local government offices and prompting state and federal forces to intervene. Bullet-riddled trucks left abandoned in the streets were marked C.D.N. — Spanish initials of the Cartel of the Northeast gang.

Several of the gunmen stole vehicles as they fled and kidnapped locals to help guide them on dirt tracks out of town, the governor said. At least one of the stolen vehicles was a hearse headed

for a funeral, according to the newspaper Zocalo of Saltillo.

The town is about 35 miles (60 kilometers) south-southwest of Eagle Pass, Texas, and 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the town of Allende — site of a 2011 massacre involving the Zetas cartel in which officials say 70 died.

Rapid gunfire could be heard in videos posted to social media along with frantic people telling friends to stay indoors. Images of the aftermath of the shootout showed burned out vehicles, while the facade of Villa Union's city hall was riddled with bullets.

The governor said security forces would remain in the town for several days to restore a sense of calm.

Falko Ernst, senior Mexico analyst for the non-profit Crisis Group, which seeks to promote peace, said there are few incentives for armed groups in the country to refrain from violence.

"Solving this issue—which underpins impunity—would have to be the centerpiece of an integrated security strategy. But such a thing is yet to be presented by (President) López Obrador and his team," said Ernst.

## Malta leader to resign amid protests over reporter's death

**VALLETTA, Malta** (AP)—Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat told the nation Sunday night that he would resign in January, following pressure from angry citizens for the truth about the 2017 car bombing that killed an anti-corruption journalist.

In a televised message, Muscat said he had informed Malta's president that he will quit as leader of the governing Labor Party on Jan. 12 and that "in the days after I will resign as prime minister."

Hours earlier, nearly 20,000 Maltese protested outside a courthouse in the capital, Valletta, demanding that he step down in the largest such turnout of nearly daily protests in recent weeks.

"As prime minister, I promised two years ago that justice would be done in the case of the murder of Daphne Caruana Galizia," Muscat said, beginning his speech, adding that "today I am here to tell you that I kept my word."

But the slain reporter's family contended Muscat's departure won't satisfy those in the nation who are determined that corruption

and cronyism between politicians and business figures be rooted out.

"People will be out in the streets again tomorrow," tweeted one of her sons, Matthew Caruana Galizia, who is also a journalist.

Muscat contended that "justice is being done."

He noted that in addition to three people arrested soon after the bombing for carrying out the actual attack, now there is "someone accused of being the principal person behind this killing."

Muscat was referring to prominent Maltese businessman Yorgen Fenech, who on Saturday night, was arraigned on charges of alleged complicity in the killing and of allegedly organizing and financing the bombing. Fenech entered pleas of innocence.

Muscat's former chief of staff Keith Schembri was allegedly linked to the killing. Schembri was among government members targeted by Caruana Galizia's investigative reporting. Schembri, who resigned last week, was arrested in the probe but later released.

He denies wrongdoing.

The prime minister said the investigation continues.

The slain reporter had written extensively about suspected corruption in political and business circles on the European Union nation, an attractive financial haven for many investors.

Among her targets were those in Muscat's political inner circle, including those in his Cabinet. Caruana Galizia was the subject of lawsuits by some of her subjects, including in government. While many celebrated her as an anti-corruption champion, some on the island whose dealings she exposed scorned her work.

"I reiterate my deepest regret that a person, who, with all her positive and negative qualities and contribution toward the democracy of our country, was killed in such a brutal way," Muscat said.

"The sensations of genuine sadness and anger for this murder are justified. And I will never accept that someone conveys a signal that in any way he or she is justifying this murder," the prime minister said.



# Overdrive

## Shudder likely indicates need for new brake pads and rotors

**Q:** I'm feeling a shudder in the front of the car when I'm braking, more so near the bottom of a long hill. It seems to be getting worse. How serious a problem could this be?

**A:** It sounds like your brakes, likely the fronts, are suffering from distorted brake rotors. Brake rotors are like very thick dinner plates, typically constructed of cast iron. Brake calipers clamp the disc pads, which are faced with friction material, against the rotor, converting kinetic energy into heat.

Brake rotors need to have a uniform and smooth surface in order to function smoothly and without noise. Over time, especially with hard use, thickness variations and surface flaws can develop, causing symptoms like you mentioned. Assuming adequate rotor thickness remains, they can be machined to a fresh/true surface. If surface cleanup will reduce thickness below the minimum standard, they'll need to be replaced (as a pair). Perhaps at some or various times your brakes were worked hard, causing excessive heat and rotor damage.

In a nutshell, you need to have a brake inspection, and you will likely need new brake pads along with machined or replaced rotors. This is a fairly standard process. Should new rotors be needed, ask for options, as cheap ones are not the way to go!

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**Q:** My wife has a 2017 Honda Ridgeline with a 3.5-liter engine. I've noticed that the truck surges, or seems to be searching at various low speeds, during light throttle. You can not only feel it but it also appears on the tach. So it's not my imagination. There are no check-engine lights, nor have there ever been. At a recent stop at our Honda dealer, I asked the service department if they had ever heard of this, and the answer was no. Our local mechanic says it's the transmission.

**Your thoughts or suggestions?**

**A:** It can be challenging sometimes to determine if a surge or stumble may be caused by the engine or transmission.

Perhaps you might try this: Find a road condition where your symptom appears such that you can readily duplicate them. Then repeat the drive using the manual shifting mode to hold a gear that re-



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sults in a slightly higher tachometer reading than before.

Does the symptom go away? If so the transmission may have been downshifting/upshifting, and that's what you were feeling.

Another check is to leave the transmission selector in auto mode and ever-so-lightly press on the brake pedal with your left foot as you continue to drive normally. This should unlock the torque converter clutch, resulting in a consistent (slightly higher) tachometer reading (assuming no gear shifts occur). If this changes the symptom, it's likely what you were feeling was the torque converter clutch disengaging/re-engaging when driving normally.

Your torque converter clutch, during light load operation, locks the torque converter to eliminate slippage (slippage is good for power/bad for fuel economy). Most vehicles try to run in the highest gear possible with the converter clutch engaged for good fuel economy. Depending on vehicle speed and load, it's normal for a transmission to upshift/downshift, and engage/disengage the torque converter clutch at various times. And with fuel economy a priority, there can be a lot of this!

Modern vehicles are pretty smart. In Honda's case, they employ "grade logic" to minimize excessive gear hunting, but the PCM (powertrain control module) still can't see the road ahead and anticipate every rise and fall or curve like a human might, avoiding a shift or clutch change as another will soon be needed.

It's tough to say if you have a problem or if it's just an unusual road condition your

wife may be encountering. With a six-speed transmission and torque converter clutch, there will be quite a bit of gear/clutch juggling as the PCM attempts to provide optimum performance and fuel economy under a variety of conditions. If there isn't a check engine light, chances

are everything may be operating normally.

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I've been exploring ADAS (advanced driver assistance systems) features on various vehicles with varying degrees of satisfaction, particularly regarding smoothness in function, the vehicle seeing/

### UNDER THE HOOD

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understanding further ahead, how much driver input/correction is needed, and how much variation there can be between vehicle brands. Your input and comments will be much appreciated!

I've found in most cases the adaptive cruise control works pretty well, and as one slows and resumes in congested situations it can do a nice job pacing the car ahead, a great safety feature! I wonder if some systems are smart enough to look a little further ahead, perhaps at a sea of brake lights, and anticipate a slowdown rather than simply fixating on the car ahead. How about when another vehicle suddenly cuts in between you and the one ahead? Yikes!

How about satisfaction with

lane keeping? The vehicles I've explored so far seemed to be oblivious to what is more than perhaps 100 feet ahead. They have been quite reactive, with too late/too much correction, and not very proactive. On a straight, well striped freeway, no problem, but getting into some gentle curves? Yikes! How well can a vehicle read the road when stripes are faded, shady spots are encountered, and pavement irregularities/repairs occur? Done poorly, lane keeping can be an annoyance, a constant tug of war, and I turn it off!

I am blessed to have a wonderful resource for real and unbiased information: you! Please share your experiences with this emerging technology!

*In Loving Memory of*

**† FRANCISCO DE LEON GUERRERO CABRERA**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 1978 – NOVEMBER 25, 2019**

*† Frank was called by our Lord to his eternal rest on Monday, November 25, 2019 in Saipan.*

*His spirit and loving memory will forever live in the hearts of his:*

**Wife:** May Reyes Cabrera

**Children:** Alanna Miyashiro  
Kimason Reyes Cabrera  
Rockson Reyes Cabrera

**Parents:** †Diane Deleon Guerrero Villagomez/Joaquin P. Villagomez (stepfather)  
Herman B. Cabrera-Father/Abelina M. Cing (stepmother)

**Parents in-law:** Arthur Reyes/Gladys May Reyes

**Siblings/spouses/children:**  
Nerine Deleon Guerrero Villagomez/Joshua Sablan Villagomez (Dylan Joshua)  
Nicolette Deleon Guerrero Villagomez/Rufin Benavente Inos Jr. (Rufin Joaquin)  
Crystal Ayna Cabrera Deleon Guerrero/Simon Villagomez Deleon Guerrero (Zion Jude, Cali Jade, Francisca Josepha, and Simon Fei)  
Herman Cing Cabrera Jr.  
Londe Tellei Eldebechel/Sesilil Eldebechel (Trevor and Josh)

**Grandparents:**  
†Francisco Leopoldo Cabrera Deleon Guerrero and †Mariana Sablan Deleon Guerrero/Ok-Soon Sa (stepgrandmother)  
†Francisco San Nicolas Cabrera and †Regina Deleon Guerrero Blas

*Frank is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.*

On Tuesday, December 3, 2019 funeral will be held at the Mount Carmel Cathedral. Private Viewing will be from 6:30am to 7:30am at the Borja Funeral Home at Chalan Kanoa. Responso service will be at 7:45am followed by Holy Rosary and public viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by interment service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

**Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you for all your prayers and support. May the Lord bless you.**

**The Family**



# Life & Style

## Daughter in admissions scandal returns to YouTube channel

By ANDREW DALTON  
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**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Social media star Olivia Jade Giannulli on Sunday posted her first YouTube video since the arrest of her parents, actress Lori Loughlin and fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli, made her one of the most visible figures in the college admissions scandal that ensnared dozens of wealthy parents and their children.

"Welcome back to my YouTube channel, obviously I've been gone for a really long time," Jade says in the two-minute video, titled "hi again,"

posted to her account that has nearly 2 million subscribers.

She says she debated for months whether to return to her channel, which focused on fashion, beauty and video-diary entries about her life.

"I'm terrified to make this video and come back," Jade says, "but I want to start taking smaller steps in the right direction."

Loughlin and Giannulli are accused of paying \$500,000 to have their two daughters labeled as recruits to the USC crew team so they could gain admission to the school, even though neither participated in the sport.

Charged in federal court in Massachusetts with conspiracy to commit fraud, bribery and money laundering, they have pleaded not guilty and have refused to reach plea agreements with prosecutors as many other parents, including actress Felicity Huffman, already have done.

In her new video, Jade says she stayed away from social media because she is legally prohibited from talking about the scandal, and it seemed pointless to appear and ignore it.

"If I can't talk about it, is there a point in coming back and not being able to saying



anything?" Jade says. It's not clear what legal restrictions would keep her from speaking or whether attorneys have simply advised her not to do so.

Jade said the pull of social media was too strong to stay away.

"I actually really, really miss it," she says. "I feel like a huge part of me is not the same because this is something that I'm really passionate about and something I really like to do. ... I'm really excited to start filming again and start uploading again."

## 'Frozen 2' ices competition again with record Thanksgiving

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—"Frozen 2" kept a wintry wind at its back in its second week, setting a Thanksgiving record with a whopping box office bounty, while newcomer "Knives Out" found its own broad audience.

Disney's new set of adventures for Anna, Elsa and Olaf brought in \$85.3 million in the U.S. and Canada over the weekend and earned an unprecedented \$132.7 million for the holiday frame of Wednesday through Sunday, according to studio estimates.

The first "Frozen" opened on Thanksgiving in 2013, but the sequel opened a week prior to the holiday, making it poised for a huge second week, with out-of-school kids happy to see it a second or a third time.

"Having the opening weekend falling a few days ahead of Thanksgiving really set it up perfectly," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for the box office tracker Comscore.

That came on top of a record-burying opening weekend of \$127 million debut domestically and \$350.2 million worldwide that made it the highest-grossing global debut for any animated film globally, and the largest opening for any for any Walt Disney Animation Studios release.

The original film and its world-making song "Let It Go" became a pop-culture phenomenon, earning \$1.27 billion worldwide and selling count-



This image released by Disney shows Elsa, voiced by Idina Menzel, from left, Anna, voiced by Kristen Bell, Kristoff, voiced by Jonathan Groff and Sven in a scene from the animated film, "Frozen 2."

less Elsa and Anna dresses.

The sequel has more than showed that the six years since has brought no thaw. It has already earned \$739 million globally and should certainly surpass the original's totals.

"Disney is usually immune to the waning interest that audience have with some sequels," Dergarabedian said.

"Knives Out," the innovative whodunit from writer and director Rian Johnson, rode great reviews and strong social media buzz to a \$27 million weekend and a five-day domestic total of \$41.7 million that easily earned back its budget.

The film's vast and eclectic cast included Ana de Armas, Christopher Plummer, Jamie Lee Curtis, Don Johnson, Michael Shannon, Toni Collette and Chris Evans.

Johnson, the director of "Looper" and "The Last Jedi," had been the target of some

Twitter fanboy outrage for the direction he took the second episode in the newest "Star Wars" trilogy, whose final chapter opens next month.

The "Knives Out" opening showed his name value was unharmed and might even have been strengthened by the online noise, and its reception could mean awards season consideration for Johnson and the cast.

"First and foremost, this starts with Rian Johnson," said David Spitz, president of domestic distribution for Lionsgate. "He wrote a screenplay we all loved and executed it to perfection."

In response to the strong showing, Johnson on Sunday morning tweeted "Wow - THANKS to everyone who came to #KnivesOut this weekend, and for all the lovely tweets, you guys are the best."

While put on the calendar to draw in adults while kids were

watching and re-watching "Frozen 2," "Knives Out" proved to be more than a niche picture.

"We set it with the counterprogramming expectation, this is a good adult dramedy," Spitz said.

But, he said, it turned out younger audiences had even better reactions than older ones.

"It's playing to everybody," Spitz said.

While the weekend showed that there is nothing like a franchise to bring in blockbuster bucks, it also reflected that tentpoles aren't the only means to attract audiences.

1. "Frozen 2," \$85.3 million (\$163.8 million international).
2. "Knives Out," \$27 million (\$28.3 million international).
3. "Ford v Ferrari," \$13.2 million (\$10.2 million international).
4. "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," \$11.8 million.
5. "Queen & Slim," \$11.7 million.

"When it comes to adult fare, it seems that audiences want more originality," Dergarabedian said.

"Knives Out" also opened strong internationally with a weekend of \$28.3 million.

The weekend's other newcomer, "Queen & Slim," finished down in fifth with \$11.7 million, but with a limited number of screens and a modest reported budget of about \$20 million, it was still a successful opening for the Bonnie-and-Clyde-meets-Black-Lives-Matter story.

"Ford v Ferrari" rolled along in its third weekend of release, finishing in third place with \$13.2 million.

Tom Hanks' Mister Rogers story "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" also hummed along in its second weekend, earning \$11.8 million to put it fourth at the domestic box office.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday

6. "21 Bridges," \$5.8 million (\$1.9 million international).
7. "Playing with Fire," \$4.2 million.
8. "Midway," \$4 million (\$2.7 million international).
9. "Joker," \$2 million (\$4.6 million international).
10. "Last Christmas," \$1.99 million

## Substitute teacher lectures Utah child over his 2 dads

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)**—A substitute teacher berated a Utah fifth grader after he said during a pre-Thanksgiving lesson that he was thankful he's finally going to be adopted by his two dads, the parents said.

The boy's classmates said the teacher told him, "that's nothing to be thankful for" and lectured the 30 kids in the class about her views on homosexuality. She said that "two men living together is a sin" and "homosexuality is wrong."

Three girls asked the teacher to stop and eventually walked out of the room to get the principal, and the substitute was escorted from the building, the *Salt Lake Tribune* reported.

One of the dads, Louis van Amstel, said he appreciates the three girls stepping up and the school's quick response. But he wonders how the substitute got in a classroom in the first place and wants to make sure she never comes back again—at the boy's school or anywhere in Utah.

"It's absolutely ridiculous and horrible what she did," van Amstel said. "We were livid. It's 2019 and this is a public school."

The boy told his dads that he understood what the substitute was saying, but said he didn't speak up because he's had two failed adoptions before and didn't want his dads to rethink their decision, with his final court hearing coming up on Dec. 19.



# Video app TikTok unblocks teen who posted on China's Muslims

## Publisher says he's hearing interest in nonprofit turn

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The publisher of the nation's first daily newspaper to be granted nonprofit status says he's since heard from a "few dozen" lawyers and news executives curious about whether the Salt Lake Tribune's approach could work elsewhere.

Tribune publisher Paul Huntsman learned earlier this month that the Internal Revenue Service had approved the paper's plan to become a public charity, which lets people claim tax deductions for donations to support its journalism.

It's an intriguing new option for newspaper owners laid low by the industry's financial struggles, although there's some question about how widely the idea can spread.

"I'm surprised, quite frankly, that I'm the first one doing this," Huntsman said. "I'm not a journalist. I saw how broken the model really was. I was wondering, why isn't there anybody doing something about this, instead of waiting for someone to come in and rescue us?"

Huntsman, son of the wealthy industrialist Jon Huntsman, bought the Tribune in 2016 from the hedge fund that had been operating it. His chief mission was to keep it alive; the Tribune had a staff of 148 people in 2011, and the paper said earlier this month there were now about 60 employees.

He figured he had about

five to 10 years to settle on a strategy but quickly learned that was optimistic.

"This was strictly about trying to figure out a pathway to sustainability, rather than figuring out a rate of return," he said.

The Tribune's nonprofit status requires Huntsman to transfer ownership to a public board of directors, with protections built in to ensure donations don't compromise the independence of its journalism. Besides Huntsman negotiating himself out of a job, the paper will no longer be able to endorse candidates in political races.

Those steps alone may give pause to independent newspaper owners who enjoy the power and influence of their positions. Beyond that, most newspapers are part of chains with ownership interested in a profit.

"It's not a panacea," said industry analyst Ken Doctor.

The Tribune will be allowed to continue to sell advertising and charge for a subscription and individual copies. Continuing on both tracks is crucial for the idea to succeed, Doctor said. It's still possible for a newspaper to receive donations and grants even if it's not a nonprofit, but the tax deduction is an important advantage.

Utah may be particularly well-suited to the nonprofit approach with a community that has indicated a willingness to support the paper, he said.

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Chinese-owned video app TikTok says it has unblocked a U.S. teenager and restored her viral video condemning China's treatment of its Muslim minority.

The video was removed for 50 minutes Wednesday due to a "human moderation error," according to a statement from Eric Han, an American who heads TikTok's U.S. content-moderation team. The site's guidelines don't preclude the video's content, Han said.

TikTok is popular with

millions of U.S. teens and young adults but several U.S. senators have raised concerns about data collection and censorship on the site of content not in line with the Chinese government. The U.S. government has reportedly launched a national-security review of the site.

The 40-second video, which news reports identified as the work of 17-year-old Feroza Aziz of New Jersey, starts off as an innocuous tutorial on how to get long eyelashes.

It then segues into an appeal for viewers to inform them-

selves of plight of the Muslim minority in China. "This is another Holocaust, yet no one is talking about it," Aziz says.

China is estimated to have detained up to 1 million minority Muslims Uighurs in prisonlike detention centers. China's government insists the detention sites are "vocational" centers aimed at training and skills development. It has sharply criticized Western countries that called for an end to mass arbitrary detentions and other abuses of Uighurs and other Muslims in the Xinjiang region.

TikTok has said its data is not subject to Chinese law and that it does not remove content based on "sensitivities related to China."

Han said Aziz was locked out of her account because of an earlier video she posted featured a photo of Osama bin-Laden, which violated policies against imagery related to terrorist figures.

Aziz asked rhetorically on Twitter if she believed she was blocked after posting the video about Uighurs because of the unrelated earlier "satirical" video. "No," she said.

## Shelley Morrison, Rosario on 'Will & Grace,' dies at 83

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Shelley Morrison, an actress with a 50-year career who was best known for playing a memorable maid on "Will & Grace," died Sunday, her publicist said.

Morrison died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles from heart failure after a brief illness, publicist Lori DeWaal told The Associated Press. She was 83.

Morrison played Rosario Salazar, a maid from El Salvador, in the original run of "Will & Grace" from 1999 to 2006, becoming part of a cast that won a Screen Actors Guild award for best ensemble in a comedy series.

The character, originally written for a single episode, proved so popular in her interactions with co-star Megan Mullally that she would appear in 68 episodes during the NBC series' eight seasons.

"Rosario is one of my all-time favorite characters," Morrison said recently, according to a statement and biography announcing her

death. "She reminds me a lot of my own mother, who loved animals and children, but she would not suffer fools. It is very significant to me that we were able to show an older, Hispanic woman who is bright and smart and can hold her own."

Mullally, who played the Morrison's boss Karen Walker, praised the actress on Twitter.

"My heart is heavy, putting shelley, her beloved husband walter & their children in the light. thank you for your friendship & partnership, shell. you accomplished wonderful things in this world. you will be missed," she tweeted.

Eric McCormack, who starred as Will in the NBC sitcom, recalled Morrison on Twitter as a "beautiful soul" and wonderful actor. "Her work as Rosario, season after season, was as nuanced and real as it was hysterical," McCormack tweeted.

Debra Messing, who starred as Grace in the sitcom, tweeted: "Oh, Shelley...



**Morrison**

what a loss. Our dear Rosario has passed on. Shelley had a career that spanned decades, but she will always be our dear Rosie. All my love to Walter and the entire family."

Sean Hayes, who played Jack McFarland on the sitcom, told Variety that Morrison "was absolutely hilarious and had the biggest heart"

Besides the opportunity to portray a strong Latina, Morrison valued "Will & Grace" for its breakthrough TV depiction of gay characters, said her husband, Walter Dominguez.

"Shelley's greatest pride as an actress was in playing the indomitable Rosario, in a comedy series that furthered the cause of social equity and fairness for LGBTQ people. ... She believed that the best way to change hearts and minds was through comedy," Dominguez said in a statement.

Before "Will & Grace," Morrison was best known for playing Sister Sixto on "The Flying Nun" alongside Sally

Field from 1967 to 1970.

She guest-starred on dozens of television series starting in the early 1960s, including "The Fugitive," "L.A. Law" and "Murder, She Wrote." Most recently, she voiced a character, Mrs. Portillo, on the Disney animated series "Handy Manny."

Born Rachel Mitrani to Jewish parents from Spain in the Bronx, New York, in 1936, Morrison spoke primarily Spanish as a child. She was often cast as Latina characters, but she played a range of ethnicities in theater, television and film.

Her movie roles put her in casts with Hollywood's biggest stars of several eras.

She appeared with Dean Martin in 1968's "How to Save a Marriage and Ruin Your Life," with Barbra Streisand in "Funny Girl" the same year, with Gregory Peck in 1969's "Mackenna's Gold," with Shelley Long in "Troop Beverly Hills" in 1989, and with Salma Hayek in "Fools Rush In" in 1997.

Morrison is survived by her husband of more than 40 years.

## Full-time trucker parks too long in son's small apartment

**DEAR ABBY:** My widowed mother-in-law, "Minnie," works full time as a trucker, traveling around the U.S. She doesn't have a home of her own since she lives on the road. My husband and I live in a small one-bedroom apartment. When she's here for holidays or family functions, she always sleeps on our couch.

At first I didn't mind once or twice for holidays, but since my niece was born, Minnie wants to be home more to visit with her. My husband's brother has a large home and plenty of space, but Minnie never stays there because she doesn't like my sister-in-law. Minnie is also irresponsible about letting us know when she's coming and how long she will be staying. One night can turn into a week.

I have had many conversations and some blowout fights with my husband over this issue. He's the older brother and feels guilty about asking her to stay at a hotel. My sister-in-law doesn't help the situation. She sabotages holidays and events to ensure Minnie won't feel comfortable staying there. I don't know how I will manage to get through the holidays this year. Help!

DREADING IT IN THE EAST

**DEAR DREADING:** Blowout fights with your husband are detrimental to your marriage. Because he appears to be

unable to summon the backbone to have an honest conversation with his mother, I guess it's up to you.

**Explain to Minnie that the current arrangement isn't working. Tell her twice-a-year visits for holidays and family functions were manageable, but in the future, if she's unwilling to stay in her younger son's home, she should arrange to stay at a hotel or motel for those "extra" visits.**

**DEAR ABBY:** Some of my extended family members have become vegan. When they come to my home, I make sure to have appropriate food for them, in addition to nonvegan food for others. When I am invited to their homes for a celebration, they offer only vegan selections. No one is allowed to bring nonvegan or meat-based dishes to their home.

It has reached the point that I no longer want to go there when a meal is involved. I have tried talking to them about this, but their reply is, "No meat allowed in our home." I now leave before mealtime because I don't like a lot of their dishes.

Is it common for vegans to prohibit guests from ever taking other food into their home? Thanks for any light you can shed on this.

MEAT LOVER IN HOUSTON

**DEAR MEAT LOVER:** People become vegans for a variety of reasons. Some do because they feel it is unethical to

## DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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**kill animals for food. Others do it because they feel raising animals for slaughter is harmful to the planet. People also become vegans for health reasons.**

**Individuals who adopt this way of life often feel as your relatives do, and that's their privilege. If it impinges on your freedom or limits your enjoyment of these celebrations, forgo them and either participate in get-togethers that don't include food or go to an accommodating restaurant.**

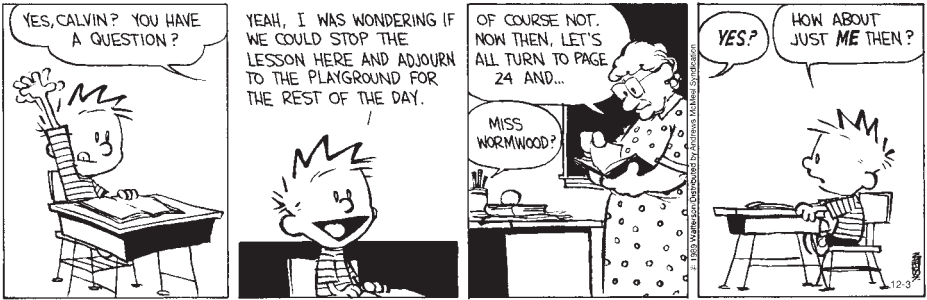
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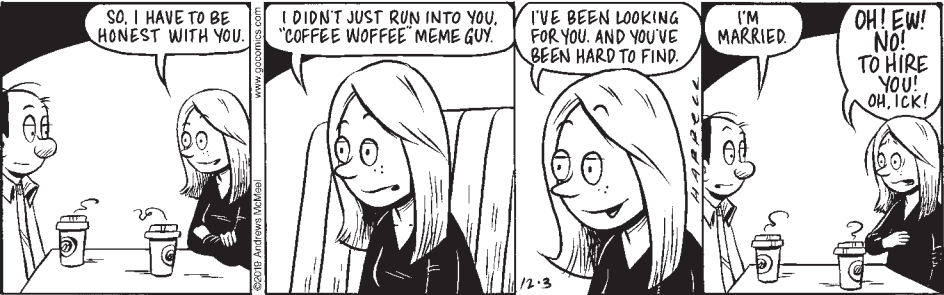
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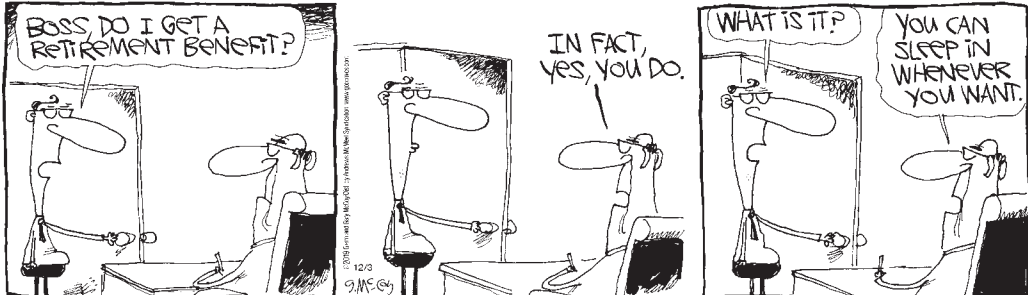
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Yesterdays answer 12-3

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Be a good listener. Learn about your family history from older relatives. Ask an expert when in doubt, and consider your options before you make a change. Put more energy into a meaningful relationship. Do your best to get along. \*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): A change will inspire you to learn more and try something new. Expand your friendships, and look for ways to bring in more cash, take better care of your health or update personal documents that are about to expire. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Emotional matters will surface quickly, leaving you in a precarious position. If you feel pressured, take a pass. Time is on your side, and no decision will be better than the wrong one. Take care of your responsibilities and your health. \*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Speak up, be innovative and take action. Bring about a positive change that will help raise your profile and push you to the next level of whatever challenge or goal you set for your-

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**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Offer those you live or work with the same freedom you want in return. Go about your business, and focus on what will help you get ahead. A financial change will be the result of an unexpected decision someone makes. \*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get together with people who share your interests. Someone will offer insight into a situation you are going through. A chance to do something beautiful for someone you love will improve your relationship. \*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look at the possibilities and what you can do to make life better. Refuse to get locked in an emotional situation that is holding you back. Express your feelings, and discuss your plans with anyone who will be affected by your actions. \*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a break. Do something that brings you joy. Make personal alterations that will help you relax and ease stress. Make your feelings, intentions and plans clear to someone you want by your side. A unique lifestyle will inspire personal growth. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Observation will help you avoid being used or misled. Question whatever you feel is farfetched or being used to manipulate you. A steady pace, practical outlook and wait-and-see attitude will help you avoid making a mistake. \*\*

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll thrive on change, doing things differently and using all your skills and talents to manipulate your way into a critical position. An opportunity that presents itself will change the way you live. Romance will improve your life. \*\*\*\*

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# Doncic, Mavs snap Lakers' 10-game win streak



**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Luka Doncic dribbled up to LeBron James, stepped back and coolly drained a 3-pointer from well behind the line. The Dallas Mavericks' driving force then threw a telling stare toward Dirk Nowitzki at courtside before he headed off to wrap up a major win.

When the Mavs visited Staples Center a year ago, Doncic was nervous before he faced his boyhood idol, and he sought an autographed jersey afterward.

Although the Slovenian youngster still admires the veteran star, Doncic is showing he belongs in the same galaxy.

Doncic scored 21 of his 27 points in a dynamic second half, and the Mavericks snapped the Los Angeles Lakers' 10-game winning streak with a 114-100 victory Sunday.

Doncic also had 10 assists and nine rebounds in Dallas' seventh victory in eight games. The Mavs erased a halftime deficit with a 28-5 run in an excellent third quarter led by Doncic, who had 16 points and five assists in the third after going 2 for 9 in a self-described "awful" first half.

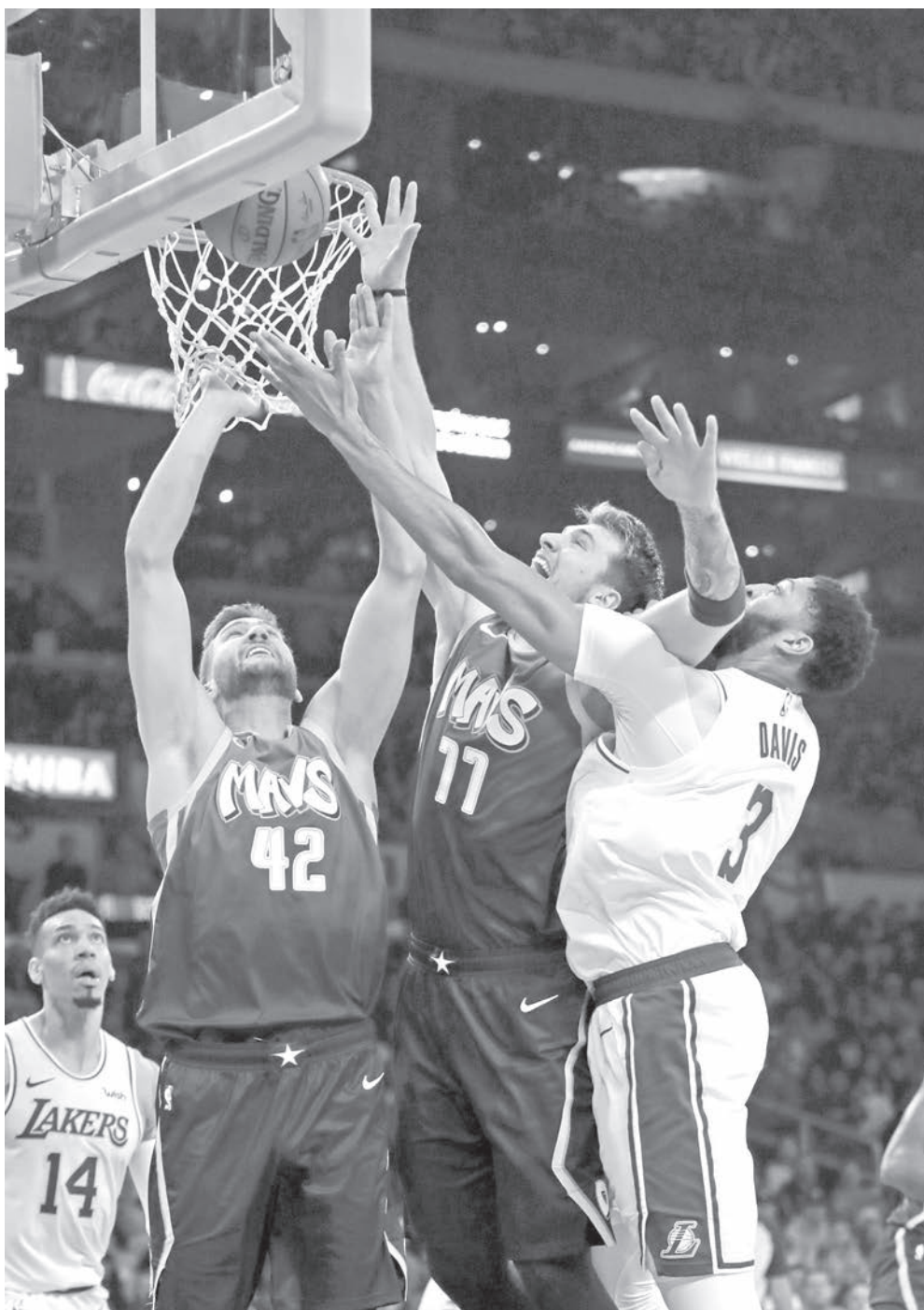
"It's a great win that means a lot to us," Doncic said. "It shows that we can play against big teams, too. We just need to keep it rolling."

The Mavs comfortably maintained their big lead in the fourth, and Doncic provided some late showmanship by hitting that fourth 3-pointer over James and staring toward Nowitzki, who had center court seats.

"He hit a couple of hellacious shots," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "There's just a small handful of guys in the whole world that can hit them. LeBron James is one of them. He's one of them. Those step-back 30-footers, it's hard to describe how difficult the shot is, and how easy he makes it look."

Delon Wright had 17 points and nine assists, and Kristaps Porzingis added 15 points as Dallas underlined its status as a likely title contender with an inspired second half on the road against the NBA-leading Lakers, who had lost only once in 18 games since their season opener.

"It means that we had a good day and did a lot of good things, but we need to stay humble," Carlisle said. "Every time we have a game like this, people are more than ever throwing their best game at us. There's a certain responsibility you have when you get on a roll like this. We need to understand it and keep our eye on the ball."



James had 25 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Lakers, who dropped to 17-3 by losing this matchup between two of the NBA's highest-scoring teams. The Lakers' longest winning streak in 10 years ended with their largest defeat of the young season.

"It's one game," said Anthony Davis, who had 27 points and 10 rebounds. "We're not going to get down over this loss. We know what type of team we are, we know now. We played well. And they beat us, but we beat ourselves with the rebounding, so we know what we've got to do better."

Los Angeles had won six straight over Dallas, but neither team much resembles the rosters that played the last few seasons in these jerseys. After a year of impressive moves by both franchises, the Mavs and Lakers are positioned to be back among the NBA's best.

Exactly one month after the Lakers earned an overtime victory in Dallas, the Mavs responded with an impressive all-around effort at Staples Center.

## Heat 109, Nets 106

In New York, Jimmy Butler scored 20 points, Bam Adebayo

had 17 points and 16 rebounds and Miami scored the final 10 points to beat Brooklyn.

Goran Dragic led the Heat with 24 points, starting the closing 10-0 burst with a three-point play.

Miami trailed 106-99 after a 3-pointer by Joe Harris with 1:45 remaining, but pitched a shutout from there and got the victory thanks largely to the aggressiveness of Butler. He kept attacking the rim and had five free throws in the closing run, overcoming his 5-for-17 shooting from the field.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 29 points and Harris had a season-high 25 for the Nets. Kyrie Irving missed his ninth straight game because of a right shoulder injury.

## Clippers 150, Wizards 125

In Los Angeles, Kawhi Leonard scored 34 points, Paul George added 31, and Los Angeles rolled past undermanned Washington for its 12th win in a row over the Wizards at home.

Montrezl Harrell added 23 points and 15 rebounds and Lou Williams had 22 points for the Clippers, who improved to a franchise-best

12-1 at Staples Center.

Rookie Rui Hachimura scored a career-high 30 points and Bradley Beal added 23 points and 11 assists for the Wizards.

Davis Bertans had 20 points and a tied his career high with six 3-pointers.

## Raptors 130, Jazz 110

In Toronto, Pascal Siakam scored 35 points, Fred VanVleet had 21 points and 11 assists and the Raptors used a record-setting first half to rout Utah.

Toronto led 77-37 for the biggest halftime lead in franchise history and in the NBA this season. It matched the eighth-largest halftime lead in league history, and was the Jazz's biggest halftime deficit.

Mike Conley scored 20 points for Utah.

## Celtics 113, Knicks 104

In New York, Jayson Tatum scored 30 points, Jaylen Brown added 28 and Boston beat the Knicks.

Kemba Walker had 15 points and 10 assists, Enes Kanter added 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Brad Wanamaker also scored 11 points for Boston.

**AP**  
Dallas Mavericks' Maxi Kleber (42), Luka Doncic, center, and Los Angeles Lakers' Anthony Davis (3) work for a rebound during the first half of an NBA game Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, in Los Angeles.

Julius Randle led the Knicks with 26 points.

## Thunder 107, Pelicans 104

In New Orleans, Chris Paul scored seven of his 16 points in a late 12-0 run in Oklahoma City's victory over the Pelicans.

Danilo Gallinari led the Thunder with 23 points and 11 rebounds, and Steven Adams, Dennis Schroder and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander added 17 points each. Adams also had 10 rebounds.

Jrue Holiday had 26 points for New Orleans.

## Grizzlies 115, Timberwolves 107

In Minneapolis, Dillon Brooks scored 26 points and

Grayson Allen added 13 to push short-handed Memphis past Minnesota.

Memphis, which was without star rookie Ja Morant because of back spasms and starting center Jonas Valanciunas because of an illness. Karl-Anthony Towns had 21 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota.

## Pistons 132, Spurs 98

In Detroit, Christian Wood scored a career-high 28 points to help the Spurs rout San Antonio.

Luke Kennard added 20 points for the Pistons. They had lost eight of 10.

DeMar DeRozan had 20 points for San Antonio. The Spurs have lost 11 of 13.

## Magic 100, Warriors 96

In Orlando, Evan Fournier tied his career high with 32 points and Terrence Ross added 19 points in the Magic's victory over Golden State.

Glenn Robinson III led Golden State with 19 points.

## Aussies asked not to cheer for Tiger

**AUSTRALIA**—As Adam Scott prepares for another shot at the Presidents Cup in front of partisan crowds, he has a word of advice for the throngs of Australian golf fans that will line the fairways and greens this month at Royal Melbourne: don't cheer for Tiger Woods.

Woods will be making a rare appearance in Australia, his first since the 2011 matches at Royal Melbourne, as he becomes the first playing captain in the biennial affair since Hale Irwin in 1994. While Scott concedes that Woods will be a big draw along the Sand Belt, whether he's playing a match or simply driving a cart, he told the Herald Sun in Melbourne that he hopes fans in attendance help to maximize the home team's edge.

"Last time it was too friendly," Scott said. "Quite bluntly, we want the home-crowd advantage, and I'll be disappointed if they are cheering enthusiastically for Tiger or anyone on the U.S. team."

On the verge of his eighth Presidents Cup appearance, Scott is well aware that his International side will likely need all the help they can get. While the two teams played to a memorable draw in 2003 during his debut appearance, Scott has since participated in seven straight matches without lifting the cup. That includes two years

ago at Liberty National, when the Americans built an 11-point lead on Saturday and nearly clinched victory before Sunday's singles matches.

Scott will be a veteran presence in captain Ernie Els' International team room, as the 12-man roster will now feature seven rookies following the injury withdrawal of Jason Day and subsequent addition of Byeong-Hun An.

Royal Melbourne remains the site of the lone International victory in the event's 25-year history, but that was in 1998 when many of the players on both rosters were in grade school.

Scott will participate in both next week's Australian Open and the Australian PGA around the Presidents Cup, which begins Dec. 12, but he remains eager to help turn the tide of an otherwise lopsided competition by any available means, including the behavior of those outside the ropes.

"I'm not saying be a poor sport, but one challenge our team has always had is gaining a home-soil advantage because it's rare that stars like Tiger and DJ (Dustin Johnson) come to Australia (2011) or Korea (2015) where we play these things and the locals are excited to see them as much as anyone on our team," Scott said. "But while we appreciate them very much, we don't have to cheer for them."



# Texans deny Pats' bid for AFC top seed



**HOUSTON** (AP)—Deshaun Watson and the Houston Texans didn't merely hammer Bill Belichick's team in primetime on Sunday night.

They did it with style.

Watson passed for 234 yards and 3 TDs and caught a 6-yard TD pass from star receiver DeAndre Hopkins off a razzle-dazzle play in the fourth quarter to highlight a 28-22 victory at NRG Stadium.

It was the first time that Watson and his coach, former Belichick assistant Bill O'Brien, beat the Patriots, and the contrast in energy and creativity from the previous defeats was striking.

With Houston's defense—coordinated by another former Belichick assistant in Romeo Crennel—bringing constant blitzes to pressure Tom Brady (three sacks), New England's offense was kept out of rhythm throughout the game.

Brady had a paltry 28.8 passer rating in the first half, when his interception set up Houston's first touchdown. It didn't get much better. New England didn't score a touchdown until 11 seconds remained in the third quarter, then saw its late-game comeback attempt win fall short when it couldn't recover an onside kick with less than a minute remaining.

This lack of production has been the norm of late for Brady's slumping offense. After scoring at least 30 points in six of their first seven games this season, New England (10-2) put up more than 20 points for the first time in four outings.

The setback cost New England the lead for the No. 1 seed in the AFC after Baltimore (10-2) edged San Francisco earlier on Sunday. The Ravens hold the tiebreaker edge on the Patriots thanks to a primetime smashing in early November

## **Bengals 22, Jets 6**

In Cincinnati, Andy Dalton returned from his three-week exile Sunday and got a long-awaited win for the coach who benched him, throwing a touchdown pass during a victory over the New York Jets that ended the longest losing streak in Bengals history.

The Bengals (1-11) had lost 13 in a row since the end of last season, with newcomer Zac Taylor waiting until December to get his first head coaching win. Taylor benched Dalton after the eighth loss, deciding to see whether Ryan Finley fit into the team's long-term plans.

With the rookie struggling and the season careening toward 0-16, Taylor reversed course and went back to Dal-



ton. He made the difference in front of the smallest crowd in Paul Brown Stadium history.

## **Steelers 20, Browns 13**

In Pittsburgh, the Steelers and Browns kept things civil in their highly anticipated rematch, which ended the way they always seem to end at Heinz Field: the Steelers walking off in triumph.

Devlin "Duck" Hodges threw for 212 yards with a touchdown and an interception in his second career start. Rookie Benny Snell ran for 63 yards and his first NFL touchdown, and the banged-up Steelers exacted revenge for their whipping at the hands of the Browns two weeks ago with a 20-13 victory on Sunday.

Pittsburgh (7-5) boosted its postseason chances by rallying from 10 points down thanks in large part to Hodges, a rookie undrafted free agent who happens to be a champion duck caller in his down time. He was aided by the emergence of wide receiver James Washington, who caught four passes for 111 yards and a juggling 30-yard score late in the first half.

The Browns (5-7) saw their three-game winning streak come to a crashing halt when they failed to handle a Pittsburgh offense riddled with injuries and inexperience at the skill positions.

## **Ravens 20, 49ers 17**

In Baltimore, Neither rain, wind nor the San Francisco 49ers' top-ranked defense

could prevent Lamar Jackson from guiding the Ravens to their franchise-record eighth straight win.

Jackson weathered miserable conditions to run for 101 yards and Justin Tucker kicked a tiebreaking 49-yard field goal as time expired in a possible Super Bowl preview. The combination of driving rain, a stiff wind and San Francisco's rugged defense was difficult for Jackson to handle. He completed only 14 of 23 passes for 105 yards and lost a fumble.

But the double-threat quarterback was solid when it counted.

## **Chiefs 40, Raiders 9**

In Kansas City, Patrick Mahomes threw for a touchdown and ran for a touchdown, while Juan Thornhill returned a pick 46 yards for another score.

LeSean McCoy and Darwin Thompson also had TD runs for the Chiefs (8-4), who took a two-game lead over the Raiders by finishing off a season sweep. That means Kansas City can clinch a fourth straight division title with a win over New England and an Oakland loss to Tennessee next weekend.

Oakland (6-6) sure didn't play like a team fighting for a piece of the division lead.

Derek Carr dropped to 0-6 at Arrowhead Stadium with another miserable outing, throwing for 222 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions

## **Rams 34, Cardinals 7**

In Glendale, Jared Goff threw for 424 yards and two touch-

downs, and Robert Woods had 172 yards receiving.

The Rams (7-5) bounced back from an embarrassing 45-6 loss to the Baltimore Ravens on Monday night by embarrassing the Cardinals and stayed in the hunt for a playoff berth.

Goff methodically picked apart the Cardinals defense, which was the NFL's worst against the pass coming into the game. He had thrown no touchdowns passes and five interceptions over his previous three games, but responded with 323 yards passing in the first half as the Rams built a 20-0 lead.

Woods finished with a game-high 13 catches, Tyler Higbee caught seven balls for a career-high 107 yards and a touchdown.

## **Broncos 23, Chargers 20**

In Denver, Brandon McManus' 53-yard field goal as time expired, set up by a long interference call, capped a furious final 14 seconds.

Rookie quarterback Drew Lock's debut win for Denver came a month after Brandon Allen beat Cleveland. It made the Broncos the first team in league history to have two quarterbacks start and win their NFL debuts in the same season.

The winner by McManus, who stormed off the field just before halftime when coach Vic Fangio changed his mind about letting him attempt a record 65-yard field goal, was set up by a 38-yard pass interference call on Chargers cor-

nerback Casey Hayward Jr.

Diontae Spencer returned the kickoff 26 yards to the Denver 28 after the Chargers tied the game at 20 on Michael Badgley's 46-yard field goal with 14 seconds remaining. With 9 seconds left, Lock threw deep down the right sideline to Sutton, who caught his two first-quarter touchdown passes.

## **Titans 31, Colts 17**

In Indianapolis Tye Smith returned a blocked field goal 63 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 5:02 left to play.

The Titans (7-5) snapped a three-game losing streak in the series, winning for only the third time in the past 17 meetings. It also allowed Tennessee to leapfrog the Colts in the AFC South.

Adam Vinatieri missed three field goals for Indy (6-6), with two being blocked, including the decisive kick that Dane Cruikshank got his hand on. Vinatieri has missed 14 kicks this season: eight field goals and six extra points.

## **Packers 31, Giants 13**

In East Rutherford, Aaron Rodgers threw four touchdown passes in the snow and the Packers rebounded from a dismal West Coast performance.

The Packers sent the Giants to their eighth straight loss, their worst skid since 2004.

Rodgers finished 21 of 33 for 243 yards with no interceptions on a slippery, snowy day at MetLife Stadium. Rodgers hit Davante Adams on

Houston Texans wide receiver Kenny Stills (12) pulls in a pass in front of New England Patriots cornerback Jonathan Jones (31) for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL game Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, in Houston.

touchdown passes of 8 and 17 yards, found a wide-open Allen Lazard for 37 yards and capped the performance with a 1-yarder to Mercedes Lewis.

## **Dolphins 37, Eagles 31**

In Miami Gardens, DeVante Parker made two acrobatic touchdown receptions and kicker Jason Sanders also had a circus-like scoring catch.

Miami overcame a 14-point deficit in the second half with three touchdowns in less than 13 minutes—a remarkable achievement for one of the NFL's lowest-scoring teams.

The Dolphins (3-9) won for the third time in their past five games, a surprising and perhaps costly turnaround for a team that will be shopping for a franchise quarterback in the 2020 draft.

The Eagles (5-7) lost their third game in a row and missed a chance to pull into a tie with Dallas atop the NFC East.

## **Redskins 29, Panthers 21**

In Charlotte, Derrius Guice ran for 129 yards and two touchdowns and the Redskins made a late goal-line stand. Adrian Peterson added 99 yards and a score as the Redskins (3-9) piled up 248 yards on the ground and scored their most points this season.

The Panthers' (5-7) fourth straight loss could put coach Ron Rivera's job in jeopardy.

The Redskins spotted the Panthers a 14-0 lead after quarterback Kyle Allen opened the game 8 of 8 for 106 yards with touchdown passes to Curtis Samuel and D.J. Moore on Carolina's first two possessions.

## **Buccaneers 28, Jaguars 11**

In Jacksonville, Nick Foles ended his first three drives with turnovers that Tampa Bay turned into touchdowns. It was Jacksonville's fourth consecutive loss by at least 17 points and could mean the end of coach Doug Marrone's tenure with the team. At the very least, the skid will have owner Shad Khan considering changes over the final month of the season.

Marrone, meanwhile, has to decide what to do at quarterback. He benched Foles at halftime, switching back to rookie sensation Gardner Minshew.



# Influx of free agent talents looms



NEW YORK —

More than 200 players are eligible for salary arbitration this offseason, so the 8 p.m. ET deadline on Monday to tender contracts figures to present a number of decisions for teams around the Majors.

For players tendered contracts, they will have more than a month to work out new deals with their teams before exchanging arbitration figures on Jan. 10, after which they can still work out a deal or go to a hearing. For those not tendered contracts, it's usually because the team believes that the salary the player will earn in arbitration exceeds their expected production.

Just last winter, we saw the likes of Avisail García, James McCann, Wilmer Flores and Jonathan Schoop get non-tendered, and they went on to have productive seasons after signing with new teams as free agents.

So which players might be in danger of being non-tendered and added to the free-agent market?

## American League Blue Jays: Brandon Drury, 3B

Drury had a disappointing year in 2019, posting a .642 OPS in 447 plate appearances with the Blue Jays. Toronto has plenty of young, talented infielders around Drury, likely relegating him to a backup/utility role. He earned \$1.3 million last season and is arbitration-eligible for the second time this year, but the Blue Jays have other options for the spot (Richard Ureña, Santiago Espinal), leaving the club with a decision to make on Drury.

## Rays: Chaz Roe

It's likely the Rays will tender all six of their remaining arbitration-eligible players—they've already signed Mike Zunino to a new deal and designated both Matt Duffy and Jesús Aguilar for assignment—though Roe could be the one exception. The 33-year-old righty posted a 4.06 ERA in 51 innings (71 appearances) last season, though his platoon splits (.708 OPS vs. righties, .689 OPS vs. lefties) make him a valuable asset given the new three-batter rule.

## Red Sox: Sandy Leon, C

Christian Vázquez has emerged as the No. 1 catcher in Boston ahead of Leon, who earned \$2.475 million last season. Leon is arbitration-eligible for the fourth and final time this winter, and given that his .548 OPS in 2019 was nearly 300 points lower



than his best offensive season (2016), the Red Sox are likely to find a cheaper option to serve as Vázquez's backup.

## Yankees: Chance Adams, RHP

Greg Bird was the obvious choice here, but the Yankees designated him for assignment on Nov. 20 to clear a roster spot. Adams was once a top pitching prospect for the Yankees, but he hasn't been the same since he had surgery to remove bone chips from his elbow at the end of the 2017 season. Non-tendering Adams wouldn't be a cost-cutting move, but rather a way to free up a roster spot for an offseason acquisition.

## Indians: Tyler Naquin, OF

Danny Salazar was the easy answer here, but the Indians cut ties with him earlier this month, freeing up a roster spot. Naquin was having a strong season before tearing his ACL in his right knee at the end of August. The 28-year-old is arbitration-eligible for the first time, and although he isn't expected to be back in action until the middle of the season, the two sides might very well settle on a deal and continue the relationship.

## Royals: Cheslor Cuthbert, 3B

Since he had 510 plate appearances in 2016, Cuthbert has been a part-time player for the Royals over the past three years, splitting time as a backup option at both corner infield spots. He's eligible for arbitration for

the second time this year, leaving him in danger of being non-tendered by Kansas City.

## Twins: C.J. Cron, 1B

Cron has a solid year for the Twins, slugging 25 homers with a .780 OPS in 499 plate appearances, but he had minor offseason surgery on his thumb, an issue that bothered him throughout the second half. Cron is arbitration-eligible for the third and final time after earning \$4.8 million in 2019, and he will likely get a raise via arbitration for the upcoming season.

## Astros: Aaron Sanchez, RHP

Sanchez was acquired in a July 31 trade with the Blue Jays and promptly threw six no-hit innings in his first start (a combined no-hitter for Houston). But the 27-year-old right-hander made just four more starts for the Astros, posting a 4.82 ERA before a torn capsule in his right shoulder -- which eventually required surgery -- ended his season. He made \$3.9 million last year and is arbitration-eligible for the third and final time.

## Angels: Max Stassi, C

The Angels may very well choose not to non-tender any of their arbitration-eligible players, having already cut ties with Justin Bour, Luis García and Nick Tropeano. But Stassi underwent hip surgery in September, leaving his status for Opening Day in question. The Angels might opt to bring in a catcher with more offensive

skills rather than counting on Stassi and Kevan Smith.

## Athletics: Blake Treinen, RHP

Treinen's breakout 2018 season (0.78 ERA, 38 saves) that included an All-Star selection and some down-ballot Cy Young votes feels like a distant memory. The right-hander had a decent first half before imploding, posting a 7.33 ERA in his final 28 appearances while losing his closer job. Treinen earned \$6.4 million last year and is arbitration-eligible for the third and final time this offseason, making him a prime non-tender candidate.

## National League Braves: Shane Greene, RHP

The Braves have already shelled out more than \$71 million to sign free agents Will Smith and Travis d'Arnaud and re-sign Chris Martin and Darren O'Day, so Greene -- who earned \$4 million last year and could get a raise via arbitration in 2020 -- could be a casualty depending on the Braves' payroll plans. It's just as likely that Atlanta will try to trade the reliever prior to the Dec. 2 deadline, or the club could go all-in with a deep bullpen and hang on to him.

## Nationals: Hunter Strickland, RHP

Strickland didn't pitch particularly well after being acquired from Seattle at the Trade Deadline, posting a 5.14 ERA in 24 appearances. The 31-year-old right-hander

is arbitration-eligible for the third time (he has two years of club control remaining), having earned \$1.3 million in 2019. He's in line for a raise to at least \$2 million, so the Nationals might move on and try to fill bullpen spots elsewhere.

## Phillies: Maikel Franco, 3B

The Phillies appear ready to pursue a third baseman from outside the organization, which could mean the end of Franco's tenure in Philadelphia. Franco earned \$5.2 mil-

AP  
In this May 19, 2019 file photo, New York Yankees pitcher Chance Adams winds up during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays in New York.

lion in 2019 and is entering his third of four arbitration-eligible seasons, so Philadelphia could decide to non-tender him rather than paying a salary of what could end up being \$6 million or more, according to Cot's Baseball Contracts.

## D-backs: Jake Lamb, 3B

Two years removed from an All-Star selection, Lamb had a brutal year at the plate, slashing .193/.323/.353 in 226 plate appearances. He earned \$4.825 million last year and is entering his third and final year of arbitration, giving Arizona a decision to make on his future with the club.

## Dodgers: Yimi García, RHP

García had a solid season on the surface, though his 5.19 FIP suggests his 3.61 ERA was better than he actually pitched. The right-hander was left off the Dodgers' postseason roster—he hasn't pitched in the playoffs for Los Angeles since his lone appearance in 2015.

## Giants: Kevin Pillar, CF

The Giants have five arbitration-eligible players, though none are expected to make nearly as much in 2020 as Pillar, who made \$5.8 million last season and is expected to get a raise via arbitration for the upcoming season.

## Ibrahimovic still weighing offers

ITALY—Zlatan Ibrahimovic is still evaluating his future and is not in negotiations with Milan over a



January transfer, according to the Serie A club's director Frederic Massara.

The 38-year-old has been linked with a return the Rossoneri, where he spent two seasons between 2010 and 2012, after leaving Major League Soccer side LA Galaxy.

MLS commissioner Don Garber last month suggested Ibrahimovic is set to rejoin Milan, but Massara insists talks between the club and the player are not ongoing.

"There is no news on Ibrahimovic, because this is not a negotiation," he told Sky Sport Italia.

"He is evaluating his future. He is on the market, but there are no developments."

Ibrahimovic spent 18

months with the Galaxy and was named in the MLS Best XI in 2018 and 2019 after scoring a combined 53 goals.

Fiorentina, Napoli and Bologna are among the other Italian sides to have been credited with an interest in the ex-Sweden international.

The veteran striker has made clear he intends to continue his playing career rather than retire, as he feels he can keep going for several years.

"If there's a project that stimulates me, I could play at this level until I'm 50 years old," he told La Gazzetta dello Sport recently.

One place the former Sweden star is not welcome back at is his first team, Malmö, after he upset fans by buying a stake in their rivals Hammarby and singing the club's praises.



# The Game, Paire join Masters League

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Two teams have confirmed their

participation in the 8x8 Masters Winter League 2019 that will be played this month, starting on Dec. 15 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koror. Paire and The Game have turned in their



## Make-up games in middle school v-ball



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Mt. Carmel School's Kaithlyn Chavez returns to Grace Christian Academy during their game in the 2019-2020 Public School System Interscholastic Girls Middle School Volleyball League.



The 2019-2020 Public School System Interscholastic Girls Middle School Volleyball League will return to action and hold make-up games this week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

According to PSS athletic director Nick Gross, due to last week's cancellation, they would use Dec. 6 for make-up games to ensure that the double-elimination

playoff round will go ahead as scheduled on Dec. 13 and 14 at MHS Gymnasium. The league will also play the matches slated for Dec. 4.

For tomorrow's games, facing each other on the north court are Hopwood Middle School 1, Agape Christian School, Mt. Carmel School 1, Dandan Middle School 2, Francisco M. Sablan Middle School, and Chacha Oceanview Middle School 1.

On the south court, matches will feature Hopwood 2,

Grace Christian Academy, Mt. Carmel 2, Dandan 1, Tanapag Middle School, and Saipan International School.

For the make-up games on Dec. 6, north court games will include matches that involved Hopwood 1 and 3, Mt. Carmel 1, Chacha 1, and Dandan 2. On the south court, SIS, Dandan 1, Chacha 2, Tanapag, Hopwood 2, and Mt. Carmel 2 will have their make-up matches.

Games will begin at 4:30pm. (Kimberly A. Bautista)

respective rosters in the competition for players in the 35 and-above age group.

Leading The Game is CNMI national team head coach Michiteru Mita and he will be joined on the squad by Jerish Angeles, Martin Jambor, Minki Kim, Kosuke Sato, Panapa Peteru, Shunji Nagayasu, Fradel Sedillo, Suguru Takahashi, Noaki Oura, Taeho Kim, Chong Koo Gil, Jun Woo Lee, and Jihu Jin. Angeles and Jambor are also listed as coach and assistant coach, respectively, while Norman Del Rosario is the team manager.

As for Paire, the squad's initial roster is bannered by former national players Chris Nelson, Brad Ruszala, Trey Dunn, Bruce Berline, Peter Loken, and Steve McKagan. Completing the roster are Dave Bush, T.J. Bellama, Yoji Singh, Whit Altizer, and Ajani Burrell. McKagan will also serve as Paire's coach, while Burrell and Dunn are the assistant and team manager of the group, respectively.

Only two more teams will be allowed to compete in the Masters League that will have a round-robin format in the preliminaries and single-elimination in the playoffs.

Each game in the league will be played in two 35-minute halves. The first pair of matches is set for Dec. 15, while the other games will be played on Dec. 22 and 29. The playoff round will begin on Jan. 5, 2020 with



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Paire Football Club's Whit Altizer kicks the ball during their game against TanHoldings in Division A of the 2019 Fall Men's M-League at the NMI Soccer Training Center. Paire will also field a team in the 8x8 Masters Winter League 2019.

the No. 1 rank team to battle the No. 4 placer in the first semis game and the No. 2 and 3 squads colliding in the

other semis duel. Winners of the Final Four matches will battle for the championship on Jan. 12, 2020.

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standoff and the finalists found themselves back to square one heading into the second half.

In the decider, it was Matansa that got into the board first this time, thanks to Chirapon McGuire's goal in the 12th minute. Matansa then gained more cushion, 4-2, when Gozum completed her hat trick in the 15th minute.

Down, but definitely not out, Paire finally ended its dry spell in the second half courtesy of Linday Davis' goal in the 16th minute. Then two minutes later, Hill-Beyer delivered the game-tying goal before making the dagger in the last minute of the championship game to hand Paire the division title and stun the then unbeaten Matansa in the finale.

Matansa won all its five games in the regular season to finish on top of the standings in the five-team field. Paire was ranked second with a 4-0-1 win-draw-loss mark to earn the right to face Matansa in the one-game finals.



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Paire Football Club's Cleo Nening bends down to deflect a shot from Matansa Football Club's Ivan Gozum during their title game in the Masters Division of the 2019 Dove Women's Fall League last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Joining Davis, Hill-Beyer, Ruszala, and Nening on the newly crowned Masters champion are Maria Ornes, Patricia Coleman, Shawna Brennfleck, Reina Reftang, Jolene Aguon, Tanuja Ed-

valson, Momoko Halstead, Robyn Spaeth, Angie Mister, Jacklyn Jucutan, Kimberly Ada, Jennifer Linden, Rhonda Gross, Heather Taylor, and Amanda Haas.

Meanwhile, in the third

place match, TanHoldings shut down MP United, 2-0.

Victoria Camama posted both goals for TanHoldings, registering the pair in the second half, as she lit up the board in the 31st and 33rd minute.

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points in the first period to power Blue Eagle to a 31-11 advantage.

Blue Eagle also drew double digits from big men Darwin Barbo and Jack Lizama, who finished with 15 and 13 points, respectively, as they threw their weight around the much smaller Team Lakay frontliners. Ronald Esmores chipped in 8 markers, while Bart Demapan, Edwin Santos, and Will Arcon added 6 apiece to help Blue Eagle overwhelm their opponents.

As for Team Lakay, only Peter Ariar delivered twin digits in the squad's debut, as he tallied 15 markers.

Besides Team Lakay and Blue Eagle, Pacific Island Club, MJD Corp., Toyota, Shirley's, Islander Rent A Car, RNV Construction, Hoo-paholics, and The Game are the other teams entered in the Open Division.

Games in the Open and Masters will resume this Thursday, while there will also be matches on Saturday and Sunday.

**Blue Eagle 104**—Schmidt 25, Manalo 20, Barbo 15, Lizama 13, Esmores 8, Arcon 6, Santos 6, Demapan 6, Talana 5.

**Team Lakay 64**—Ariar 15, Capalad 8, Solis 7, Reyes 6, Bernardo 6, Lumen 6, Bahillo 5, Cabrera 4, Romo 3, Pantoribio 2, Hipolito 2.

off-island tournaments.

Last summer, NMSA provided \$750 for the airfare of each CNMI delegate to the 2019 Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa plus the per diem (\$35 each day). Team Marianas competed in athletics, beach volleyball, swimming, tennis, badminton, canoe, and golf.

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of the government for payroll of its personnel, as earnings from its lottery program are appropriated for the maintenance of the Oleai Sports Complex and participation of CNMI athletes and officials in





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# Paire tops Dove League

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**P**aire Football Club pulled off a thrilling 5-4 victory against Matansa Football Club to bag the Masters Division crown in the 2019 Dove Women's Fall League last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Former CNMI National Team member Natalie Hill-Beyer delivered two goals for Paire, including the game-winner in the final minute of the closely fought championship match. Her other goal was also made in the second half, as she hit the board in the 43rd minute to knot the count at 4-all. Paire prevailed in the back-and-fourth finale after coming from behind in the second half.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Paire Football Club players try to kick the ball out after a shot from Matansa Football Club's Ivan Gozum during their title game in the Masters Division of the 2019 Dove Women's Fall League last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

## NMSA financial report under review



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The track and field facility at the Oleai Sports Complex is under the care of the Northern Marianas Sports Association.

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The Northern Marianas Sports Association has finally submitted a financial report dating back from fiscal year 2014 to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

According to Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan), NMSA turned in the financial report from 2014 to 2018 last week and SNILD is having its fiscal analyst review the documents. The island's lawmakers required NMSA to submit a financial report before they could identify a new funding source for the group.

It has been over two months since the govern-

ment, citing belt-tightening measures, zeroed out funding for NMSA, leaving the association short on manpower, as it does not have enough money for payroll. Only three out of the five people employed by NMSA are reporting for work to take care of the Oleai Sports Complex. The facility remains open despite NMSA's financial challenges, as various leagues and groups have earlier booked the complex for their events.

"As soon as we get feedback from our fiscal analyst, I plan to file the financial report so that it becomes public document," Sablan said.

NMSA, since 2014, has been relying on the coffers

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United Filipino Organization IT&E 2019 Basketball League after hammering Team Lakay, 104-64, last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Bannered by Douglas Schmidt, who won both the regular season and Finals MVP awards in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League, Blue Eagle proved to be a force to

reckon with in the 10-team field. It buckled down to work early and kept going as the one-sided game progressed en-

route to the 40-point winning margin.

Schmidt led the way for Blue Eagle with his 25 points,

while Manolo Manalo backed him up, contributing 20 points.

Schmidt scored 15 of his total

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Blue Eagle's Darwin Barbo, third left, drives baseline after getting a screen from teammate Bart Demapan, second left, during their game against Team Lakay in the Open Division of the United Filipino Organization IT&E 2019 Basketball last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.